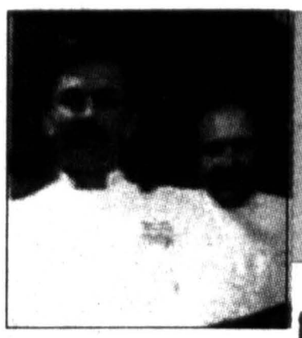


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15,000-pound gate crasher takes front row at theater

By MARY BROWNFIELD

THE 70-YEAR-OLD Monterey pine that crashed down into the Forest Theater Saturday will probably end up warming theatergoers next summer. Or its 15,000 pounds of wood could wind up in the fireplaces of Pebble Beach hotel rooms.

At the end of the week, the remains of the tree — and another that fell in the Forest Theater parking lot — were piled out of harm's way while Carmel officials surveyed the damage to the city-owned theater.

The largest of the Forest Theater trees, located at the edge of the outdoor stage, twisted at its base and fell, crushing several seats and clipping the corner of the production booth. The other "kissed the side of the ticket booth," according to assistant city administrator Greg D'Ambrosio.

The two pines caused significant damage — not only to benches and railings, but to pedestrian walkways, a lighting tower, the production booth and some equipment inside it — D'Ambrosio said, adding he will soon get a contractor to estimate the cost of repairs.

"We're certainly not going to start repairs now, but we will get the theater fixed well before the summer season begins," he said.

The large pine was nearing the end of its lifespan, according to Iverson Tree Service's Chris Plympton. It was rotten at the core and broke in the high winds, rather than uprooting and blowing over.

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PHOTO/MARY BROWNFIELD

Supported by Iverson Tree Service's giant crane, the 15,000-pound Monterey pine which fell at the outdoor Forest Theater was quickly cut into logs Monday by Juan Rodriguez.

Judges: Coastal panel may be unconstitutional

Legislative bosses ax commissioners 'at will'

By PAUL MILLER

SACRAMENTO — A CALIFORNIA appeals court seemed to agree this week with a unique legal theory questioning the constitutionality of the California Coastal Commission.

All three judges from the 3rd District Court of Appeal indicated during Wednesday's hearing they had serious doubts about the legality of the coastal commission because its members don't have fixed terms of office and can be fired "at will.".

"The fear of being removed makes one subservient to the person who appointed you, doesn't it?" asked Presiding Judge Arthur G. Scotland. "Why doesn't that create a problem?"

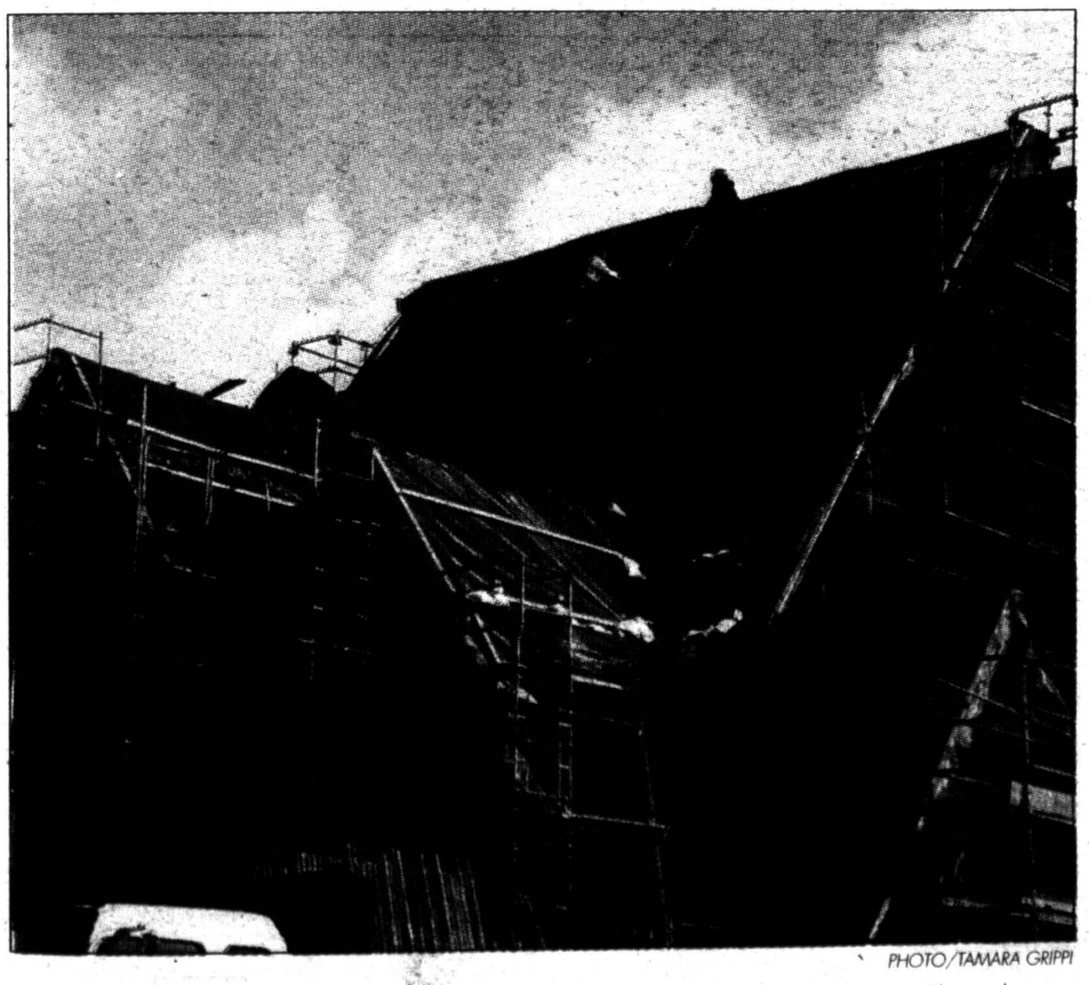
The coastal commission has vast law-enforcement powers over land uses up and down the state's 1,100-mile coastline — powers that make it part of the executive branch of the state government, according to Sacramento attorney Ron Zumbrun. His client, the Marine Forests Society, sued the commission after it ordered him in 1997 to remove an experimental underwater reef off the Newport Beach pier.

But while it exercises the powers of a law enforcement officer, the coastal commission is controlled by the Legislature, Zumbrun argued, because eight out of 12 coastal commissioners are appointed — and can be fired at any time — by the President of the State Senate or the Speaker of the Assembly.

According to Zumbrun's theory, upheld last year by a lower court, this violates the separation of powers clause of the California Constitution, which is designed to protect individual liberty by keeping any one individual or group

*See **COASTAL** page 16A*

STORMS HIT HARD BUT SPARE SUNSET



PHOTO/TAMARA GRIPPI

A giant blue tarp was added to the Sunset Center roof to help keep out heavy rains. The technique succeeded and work on the new auditorium was barely slowed by this week's storms, officials say.

By TAMARA GRIPPI

POUNDING RAINS and the fierce winds from two major storms in one week brought down dozens of power lines and hundreds of trees throughout the Monterey Peninsula but left Carmel's biggest construction project unscathed, according to city officials.

In Pebble Beach, an 80-foot Monterey pine fell on the Bank of the West building next to the Lodge Thursday afternoon, tearing a hole in the roof as heavy rains poured in. Nobody was in the bank at the time because the power was out, according to fire officials.

On Ocean Avenue, a large pine leaned against electricity lines and had to be carefully removed. A 70-foot acacia was threatening a house on Camino del Monte, city building inspector Tim Meroney reported. But no

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Henson backs down on Cal-Am takeover

By MARY BROWNFIELD

FACED WITH a flood of criticism, Zan Henson has withdrawn his plan for the water district to take over Cal-Am Water Company.

But the idea still has merit, Henson maintained at this week's meeting of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, and he urged his colleagues on the board of directors not to drop it altogether.

Based on Cal-Am's estimated 2002 revenues of $24.5 million from its local operations, staffer Rick Dickhaut said the district could increase water rates by 35 percent — the same as the rate increase currently being sought by Cal-Am — and use that money to back $136 million in bonds. That might be enough to buy the water company's Monterey Peninsula operation. Or it might not be. Nobody knows, Dickhaut said.

Cal-Am Division Manager Steve Leonard said last month his company, with more than 38,000 customers, has no interest in selling and would fight any takeover.

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Public works boasts: Ten years accident free

By TAMARA GRIPPI

THE EMPLOYEES, of the Carmel Public Works Department — guardians of the city's heavy machinery the first line of defense against the worst damage of winter storms — have achieved a rare honor: 10 years on the job without even one accident that caused an injury resulting in a lost day of work.

All 10 employees of the public works department were honored by the Carmel City Council at a meeting Dec. 3.

Public works director Jim Cullem credited his top-notch crew, an aggressive accident prevention program and far better gear.

"In the last ten years, we've been able to greatly upgrade the equipment," Cullem said. "There's a lot of equipment that can save people from doing heavy lifting."

While the public works department has had minor injuries and accidents over the last decade, none have resulted in more than a one-half day of lost work.

Employees have to guard against complacency when completing routine tasks and also take the time to prepare for jobs with which they are unfamiliar. Every month the entire department meets to talk about safety, Cullem said.

"Every accident we have, no matter how minor, is followed by a meeting about how it happened and what lesson might have been learned."

The public works crews, who handle heavy machinery such as a backhoe, jackhammer and front-end loader, must undergo extensive training and keep on their toes to avoid accidents.

"We use the backhoe to do everything from digging up culverts to burying dead seals on the beach," Cullem said.

Attending to storm damage and working on the streets are the most dangerous jobs. "The most people killed in the state are highway workers," Cullem pointed out.

Carmel City Administrator Rich Guillen said the most important benefit of the accident-free record is boosting the morale of the employees.

"Anyone in the work force wants to come to work knowing they'll go home in one piece," Guillen said. "We want to provide the employees, especially those in public safety, public works and fire, the proper equipment so they feel they can get the job done."

In addition, the city is able to avoid costly medical bills and lost time on the job.

Cullem took his hat off to his crew. "We have some really sharp employees," he said. "They are very conscientious."

"And maybe we just got a little lucky," added.

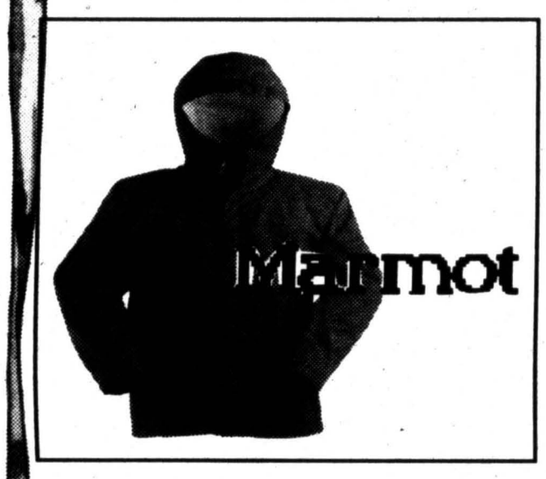
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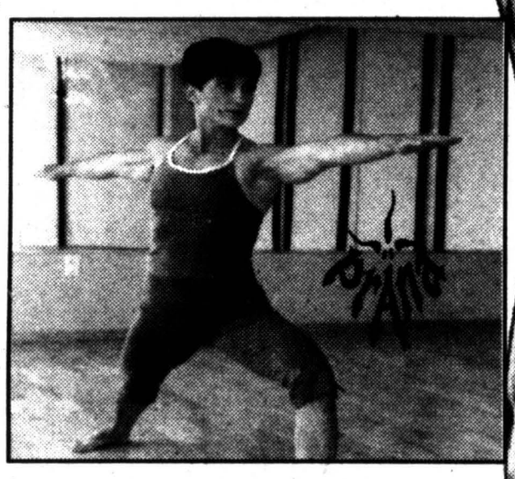


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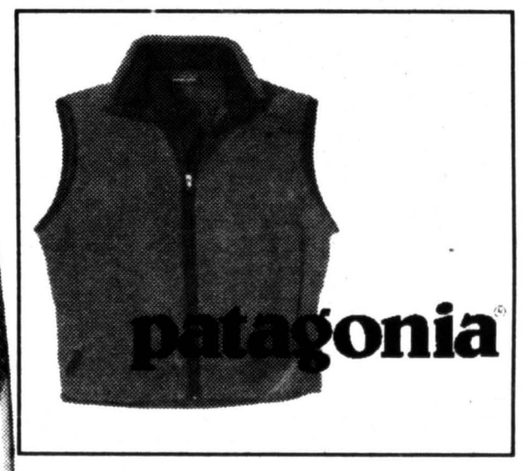
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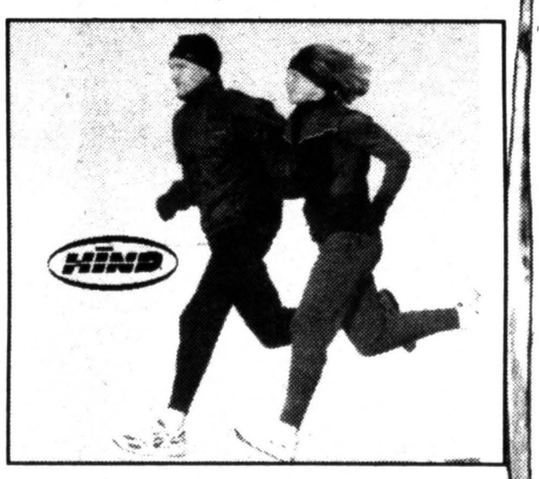




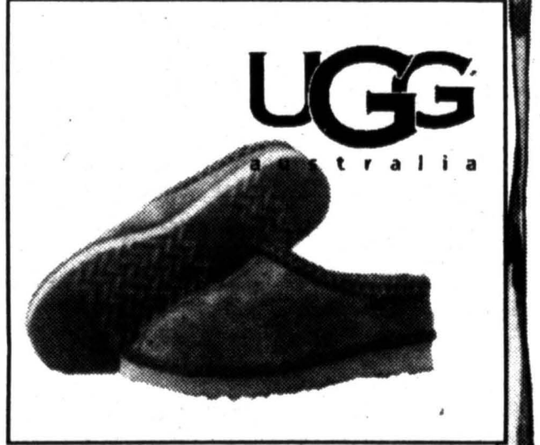












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Long rainy season may be bad news for oaks

By TAMARA GRIPPI

SCIENTISTS AND researchers who attended the Sudden Oak Death Science Symposium in Monterey this week agreed their biggest challenge is to slow the spread of a deadly fungus that is easily carried by rainwater.

"Water is the chief way the fungus is spread," said Steve Koike, a farm advisor with the University of California Cooperative Extension in Salinas. "So the scope of the problem is quite large. We're talking about a forest — it's not like a spinach field where you have control."

'We're talking about a forest — it's not like a spinach field where you have control.'

— Steve Koike, UC Cooperative Extension

The fungus, *Phytophthora ramorum,* responsible for killing thousands of oaks in Big Sur, is spread by spores that travel in rainwater and moist soil and even humans who walk or drive through infected areas.

At this week's symposium, Jenny Davidson, a research plant pathologist from the U.S. Forest Service, presented a paper showing that the presence of spores in rainwater samples increases dramatically as the rainy season progresses.

While Davidson didn't detect any spores in the water during the first few rains, she found the greatest concentration of spores as the rainy season came to a close.

Davison and her team, who work in the coastal live oak forests of Sonoma, Marin and Napa, will be on watch for even more devastation to the oak forests if the predictions of El Niño are fulfilled.

"With the El Niño year, there's the possibility we'll see even greater spore production in these forests and we'll be looking for a corresponding wave of infection," Davidson said.

Stopping the spread of *Phytophthora ramorum* within a forest appears to be a near impossible task.

Davidson explained that the spores can travel a few meters in rain splash. "If those raindrops that are contaminated are carried by the wind, it's possible they could be carried tens of meters," she said.

Forestry officials are focusing their efforts on curbing the "long distance" spread of the deadly fungus — carried on the shoes, cars and clothing of humans.

Davidson believes the California Department of State Parks needs to educate visitors about inadvertently transmitting the spores of *Phytophthora ramorum*. In addition, the department needs to provide people with the means of cleaning their shoes before leaving the parks.

State parks officials in Big Sur have already posted guidelines asking park visitors to clean mud from their shoes, mountain bikes, horse's hooves and pet's paws before entering an area that hasn't been infested yet.

In addition, any kind of wood or plant gathering is prohibited at all three state parks in Big Sur.

The agency has already had to remove 480 tanoaks and coastal live oaks killed by sudden oak death at Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park and officials say many more trees have been wiped out by the disease.

Davidson said she's eager to learn the results of other ongoing research examining every step of the infection — including production of spores, movement of spores and infection of new plants.

Once the other crucial pieces of information are in place, including temperature and moisture conditions necessary for the infection to progress, the scientific community will have a better handle on how to combat the disease.

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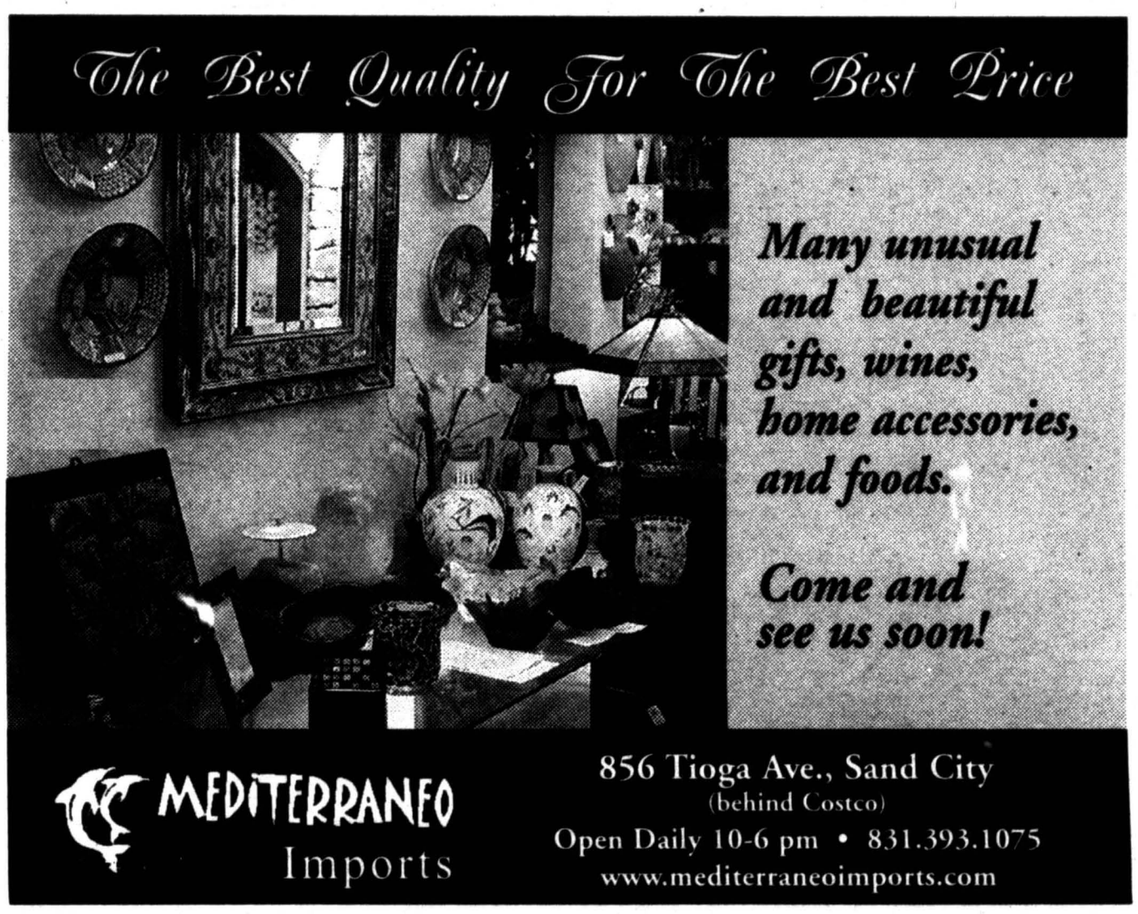
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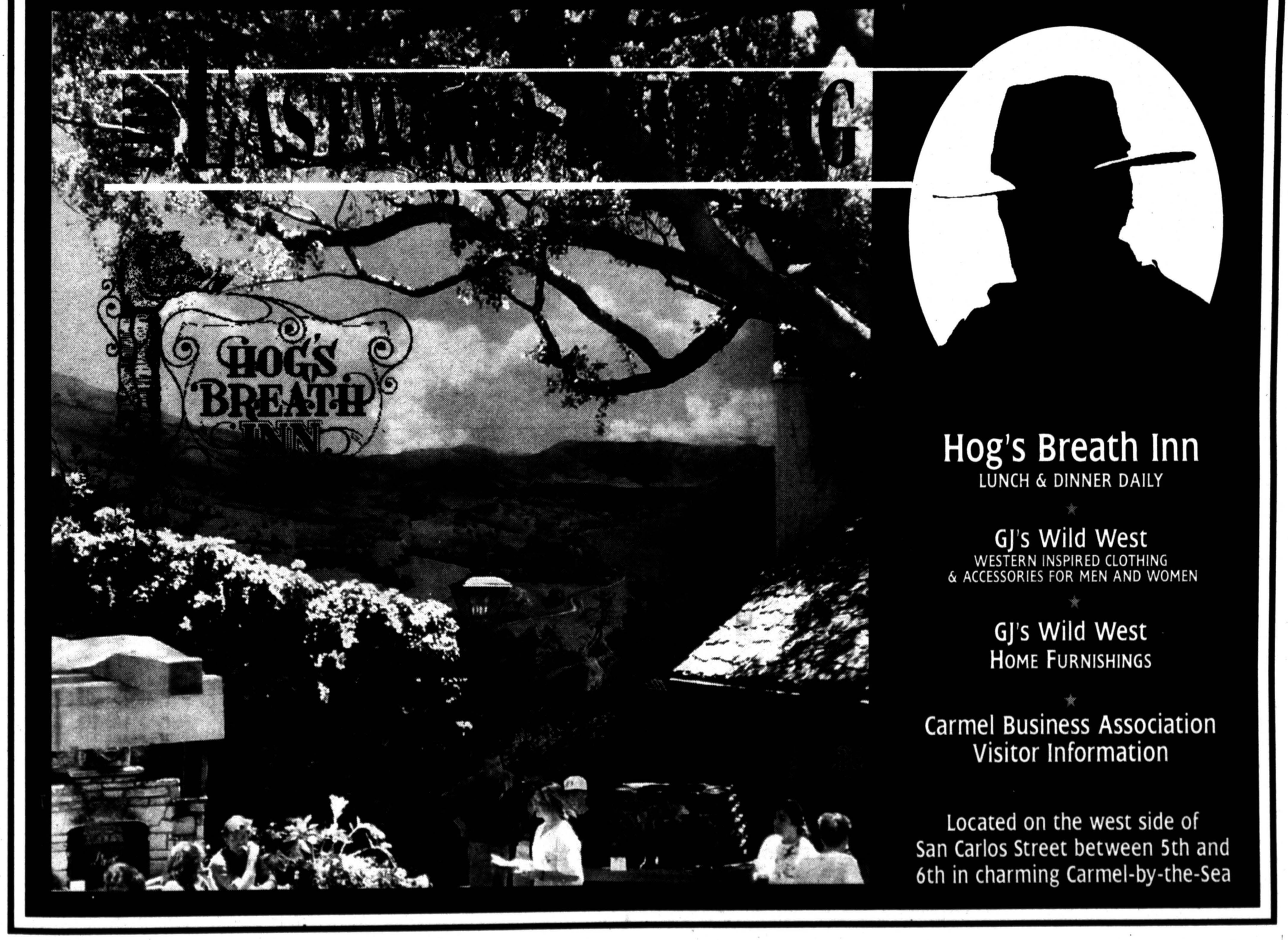
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Police & Sheriff's Log

Electric bed on the fritz

HERE'S A look at some of the significant calls logged by the Carmel-by-the-Sea Police Department and the Monterey County Sheriff's Department last week.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

Carmel-by-the-Sea: While on a security check of city hall due to some lights on, located the conference room door unsecured. The interior was checked and nothing unusual or suspicious was noted. The lights were turned off and the door was secured.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of an alarm activated in the projection booth of the Golden Bough. Exterior checked and an open window was located which made it possible for someone to enter the theater. Responsible responded and checked the interior, but nothing unusual or out of place was noted.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Observed a large amount of water coming from the back of the complex at San Carlos and Eighth. Located a faucet which had apparently been purposely turned on full blast. Also noticed a plastic bag over the faucet which had burst. Water turned off. Upon further check of the business area, there were a number of sprinkler heads in the center island of Ocean Avenue that appeared to have been tampered with as well. No one suspicious found.

Pebble Beach: Someone drove over and tore up a green at Poppy Hills Golf Course, causing $500 in damage.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Dispatch received a 911 call from San Carlos and 13th with nothing heard but static. Responded and met with the residents, who advised there were no emergencies and that they were fine. Phone number that dialed 911 is a dead line damaged in the last storm and later disconnected.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject who had been drinking was contacted. He was evaluated and given a courtesy transport to Mission and Ocean. He was clear of warrants and a search conducted and nothing unusual was discovered.

Carmel area: Person reported tools were stolen from a house under construction on Highway 1 in Carmel Highlands.

Pebble Beach: Ocean Road resident reported her mailbox smashed sometime last month.

Carmel area: Two Carmel High School students were involved in a fight on campus. Both were issued citations.

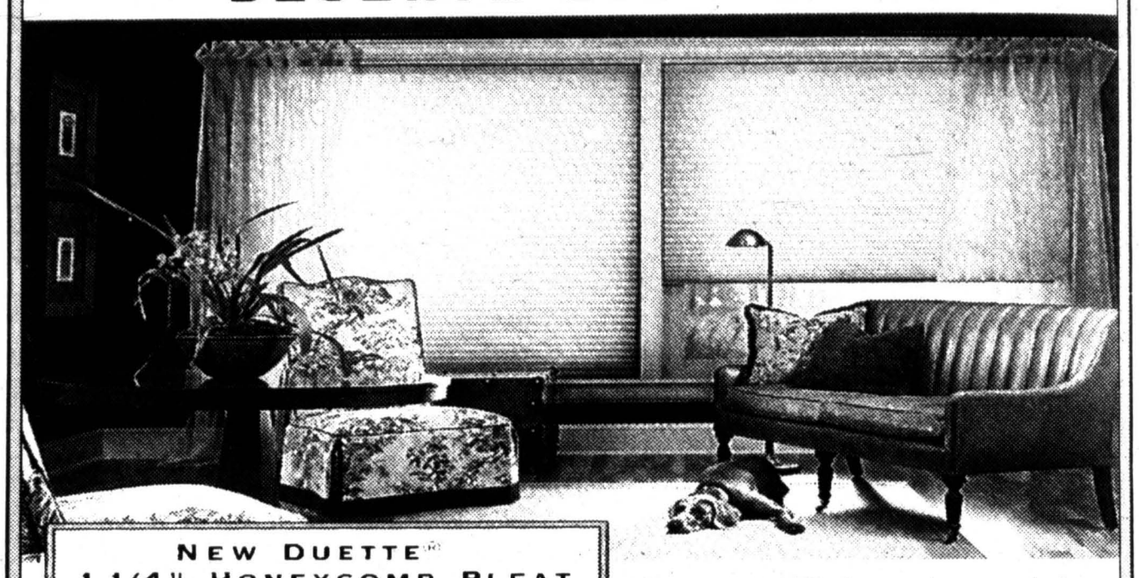
Carmel area: Carmel High School student was punched in the left ear by another student. Case continues pending contact with victim's parents.

Carmel Valley: Southbank Road resident reported an unknown suspect stole some miscellaneous tools and a tool box from her residence.

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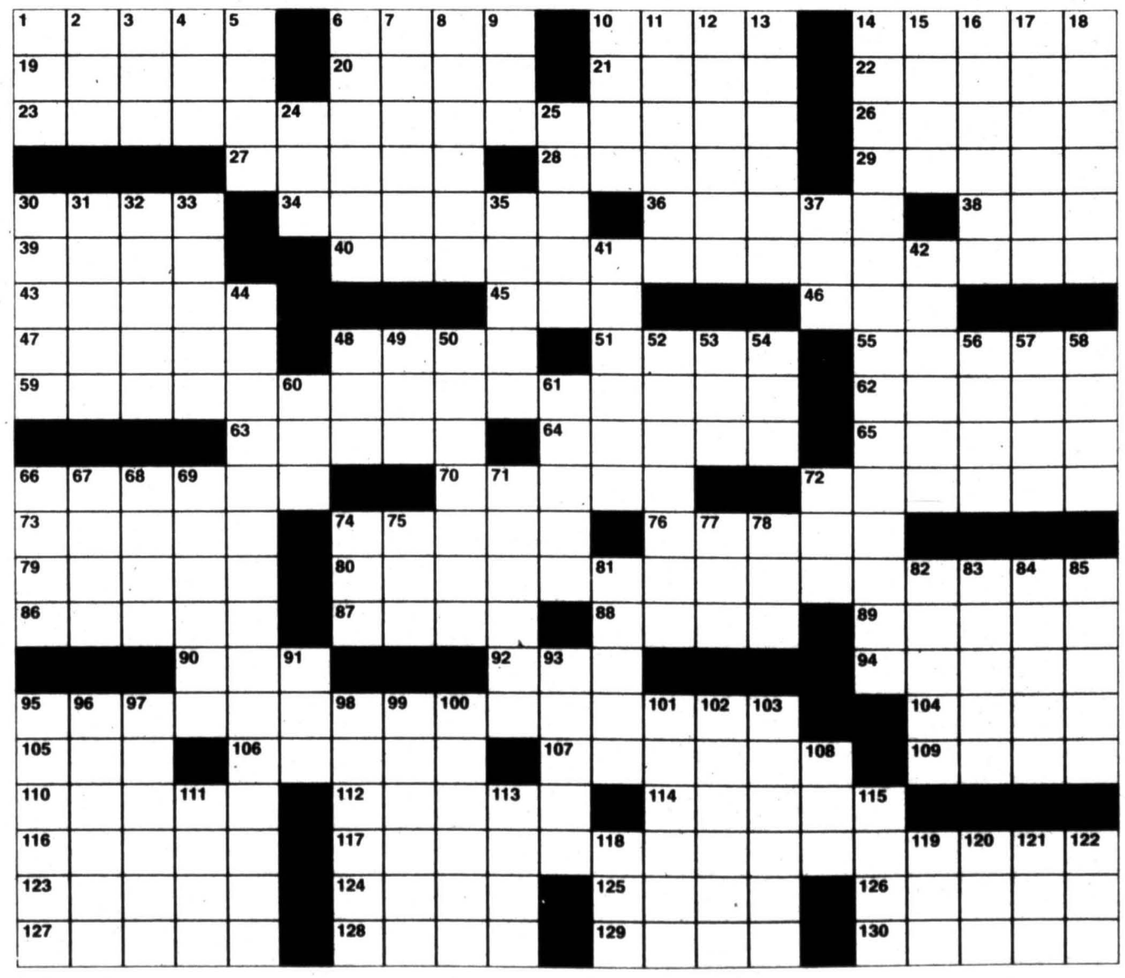
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Learn Carmel's architectural history straight from researchers in the field

By TAMARA GRIPPI

CARMEL PRESERVATION expert Kent Seavey has spent the past two years walking the city block by block in search of historic buildings and combing through piles of old plans and permits. Now he's offering to share his insight with the public.

Seavey and his colleague, Rick Janick, who collaborated on the field research, are offering a 10-day course on the architectural history of Carmel at Monterey Peninsula College from 9 a.m. to noon Jan. 6 though Jan. 16.

The course will offer an "overview of Carmel, from way back when," circa the building of the Carmel Mission "to reasonably modern times," Seavey said.

Topics will include Carmel's Tortilla Flats, women builders, the Bay Area tradition and the influence of Frank Lloyd Wright.

"We're basically coming out of the field and talking about what we've seen," Seavey said. "We want to put the builders and architects in context, explore the changes in the architectural perspective and the developing character of the community."

Through his research Seavey was able to settle a long-standing controversy: Was the Tuck Box built on site or moved from somewhere else? He confirmed that celebrated builder Hugh Comstock built the Tuck Box on Dolores, where it stands today. In addition, Seavey and Janick made some interesting discoveries about the history of Carmel and solved some architectural mysteries.

For instance, their research on M.J. Murphy, Carmel's master builder, led them to another builder, Gustav Laumeister, who also made significant contributions to Carmel's development.

"Laumeister was one of the major contractors in Palo Alto," Seavey explained. "When all those professors came down to Carmel, they didn't seek out Murphy, but instead brought their own builder."

"Periodically we see some properties that just don't read as a Murphy and we wondered if they were done by owner/builders. But now we think some of those were probably done by Gustav Laumeister."

Seavey, who compiled a list of some 250 properties worthy of historic designation for the city, is still sorting out the complexities of Carmel's architectural past.

A few areas in town, including the business area, Hugh Comstock's fairy tale cottages on Sixth and Torres, and builder Jon Konigshoffer's cluster of modern homes designed to complement the landscape on San Antonio near the sand dunes, qualify for designation as historic districts.

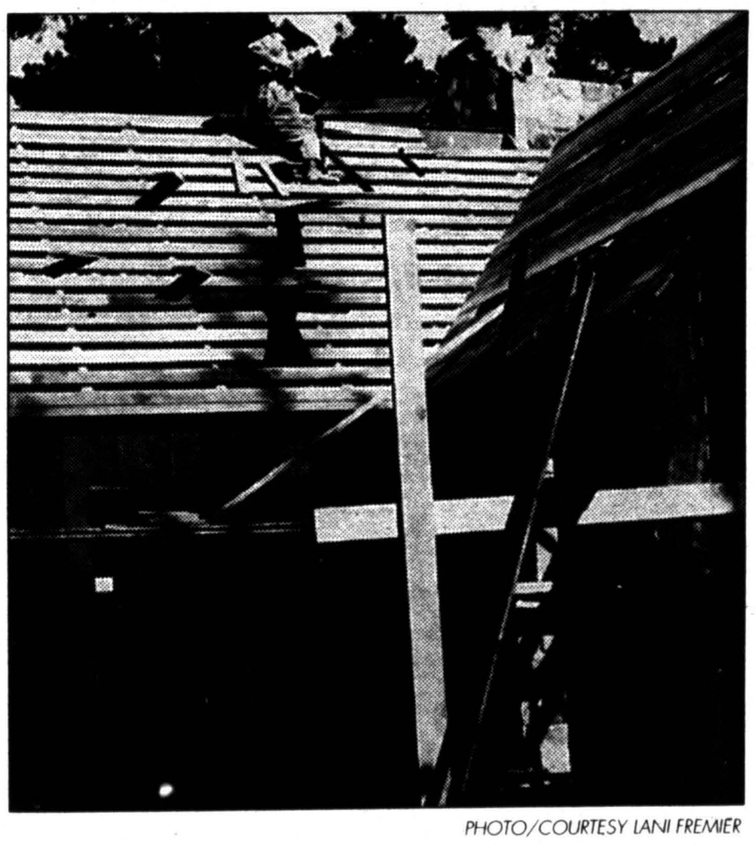
One difficult question city officials and preservation advocates have been grappling with for years is how Carmel became such a quaint, unusual place.

If nothing else, the competing styles — including the Arts and Crafts movement emphasizing natural materials, Comstock's fairy tale cottages, the Mediterranean revival, and the modernist homes — made Carmel what it is.

"People talk about the village character — the village character is eclectic," Seavey said."We're looking at what the word 'significant' means and what 'integrity' means in terms of how the properties form the glue that holds the village together. There are all kinds of different glues."

The 10-day course will also feature guest speakers Lani Fremier, who will talk about the life of two women builders, and John Logan, who will share his knowledge of Carmel's own Tortilla Flats.

While MPC's regular registration period for next year has already ended, those interested in attending Seavey's class may still have an opportunity to join the class by simply showing up on the first day, Jan. 6, at 9 a.m. at MPC's lecture forum, room 102



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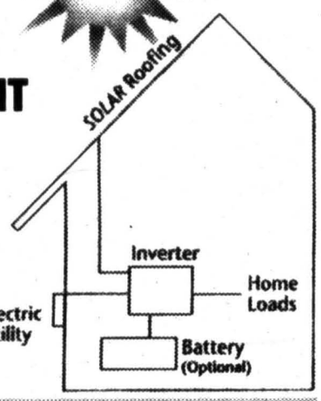
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Past grants have been used to develop curricula about everything from the life of an oak tree to the growth process of a pumpkin. The foundation has donated money to Carmel Middle School's habitat project.

The group also taps into the educational opportunities to be had on the 18,000 acres of open space at Rancho San Carlos managed by the Santa Lucia Conservancy. Last year, 67 different classes, school groups and Boy Scout troops — almost 1,000 children and more than 300 adults — visited the preserve's outdoor classroom, according to Duffy.

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WAVES PACK WALLOP, CLAIM CARMEL BEACH STAIRS

By MARY BROWNFIELD

HIGH WAVES ripped apart the Ninth Avenue stairs to Carmel Beach Monday morning. But hours later, workers called in by the city were able to haul the remains ashore and the steps may be salvageable, according to Carmel Public Works Director Jim Cullem.

With the incoming tide and huge waves adding to the storm's fury, Cullem went to Scenic Road around 7:30 that morning to check for damage.

"I saw the stairs had broken off from Ninth and floated about one block" north, he said.

He called on Iverson Tree Service and its huge crane for help. By the time crews arrived, the bottom span of stairs had floated to Del Mar. Extending the crane from the parking lot, Iverson workers ran cable out to the broken stairs and hauled them up onto the beach, according to Cullem.

The cost of pulling the stairs from the water would have been about $200, according to company owner Mike Iverson — but he decided to donate the service to the city.

By comparison, Cullem said it would cost $10,000 to build a new lower section from scratch. Not only did the city save money, but the salvage operation also removed a potential hazard from the ocean, he said.

The wooden stairways along Scenic were designed to break away in heavy surf, not only because they are temporary, but so they won't "splinter into millions of pieces" when they succumb to the elements, according to Cullem.

Although the break-away sections are designed so they can be salvaged and reattached to the land-anchored other half, Cullem said this is the first time his crews have been able to recover the broken section. He estimated wooden stairways have broken half a dozen times during his 15-year career with Carmel Public Works.

Ninth Avenue may again have a complete set of wooden steps to the beach, but not before spring. In the meantime, the bottom half will probably be stored at Rio Park until crews can inspect the steps and eventually use a crane to lower them back into place.



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The last step's a big one, Carmel Public Works Director Jim Cullem admitted, after huge waves ripped apart the wooden stairs at Ninth Avenue this week.

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City's Christmas tree dark no longer

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE STORM that ripped through Carmel this week took a little bit of the city's holiday spirit with it by cutting the power to the lights on the city's Christmas tree.

Carmel Building Official Tim Meroney reported the tree's lights went dark sometime during the heavy storm Sunday, Dec. 15.

By Tuesday night, the redwood tree was glowing again — minus a few strands of lights that had blown off in the storm.

Meroney believes the loss of power was related to a larger outage that also darkened Carmel Plaza earlier in the week.

"There was a major transformer problem in the immediate area that affected our equipment," Meroney said.

The city also had to replace the timer and the main trip switch that turns the lights on automatically at 5 each evening.

City forester Mike Branson said his crew plans to replace the strands of light that were ripped from the tree by the heavy winds. More strands were lost in Thursday's storm.

"In this kind of weather that happens a lot," Branson said. "We can't do anything about it until the storm is over."

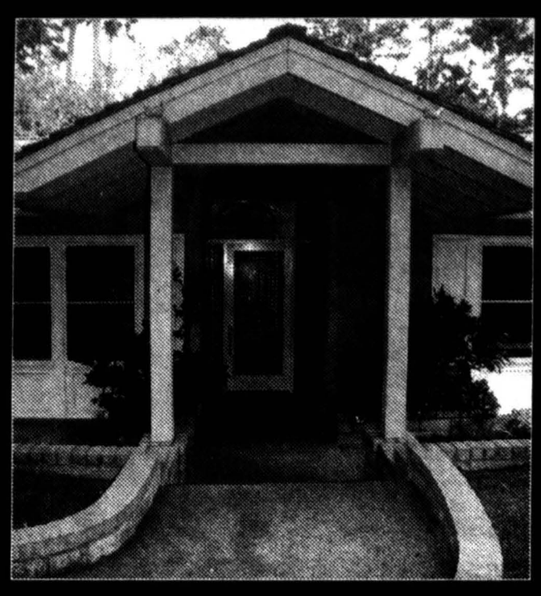
The city's brilliant Christmas tree has been a familiar sight on Ocean Avenue during the holiday season over the years. Some say this year's tree lighting ceremony broke new records in attendance.

The loss of the lighted Christmas tree, even temporarily, was a disappointment to the Carmel Business Association, said CBA executive director Brenda Roncarati.

"Creating a festive environment in town this time of year is really important," she said.

In addition to the city's Christmas tree, the outage also affected the lights decorating the center median on the same block of Ocean Avenue between Junipero and Mission streets.

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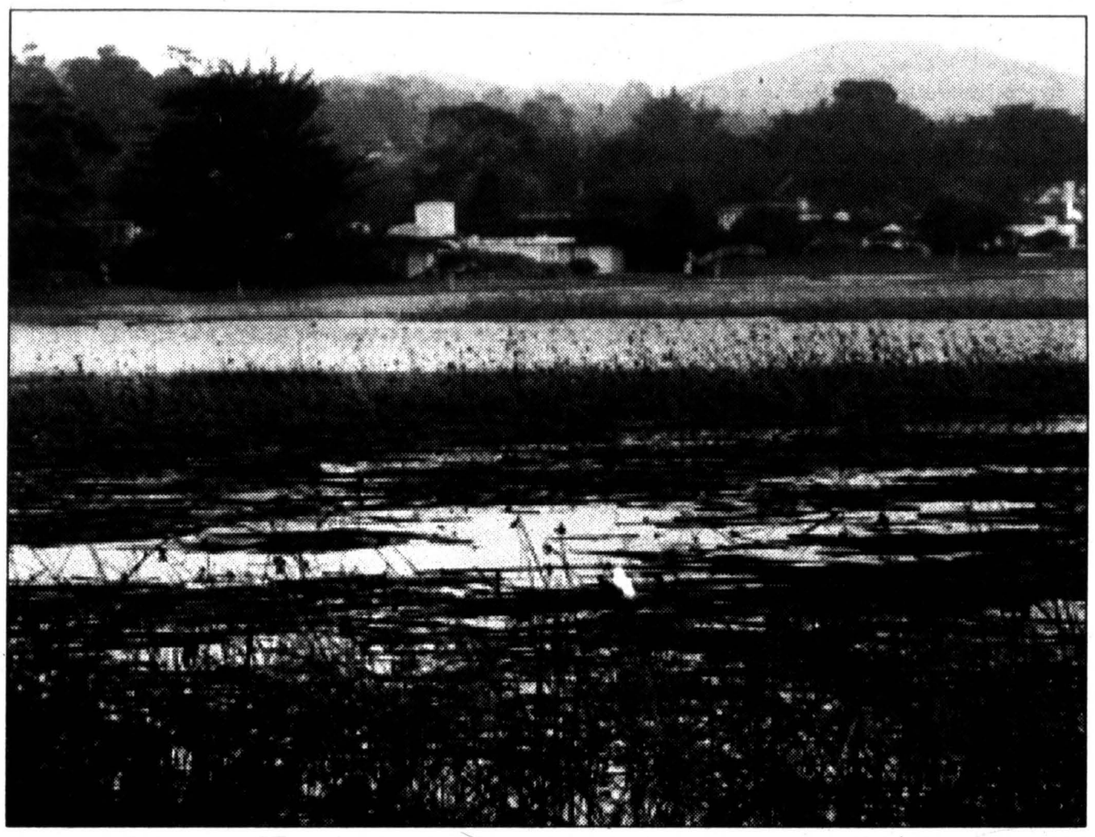
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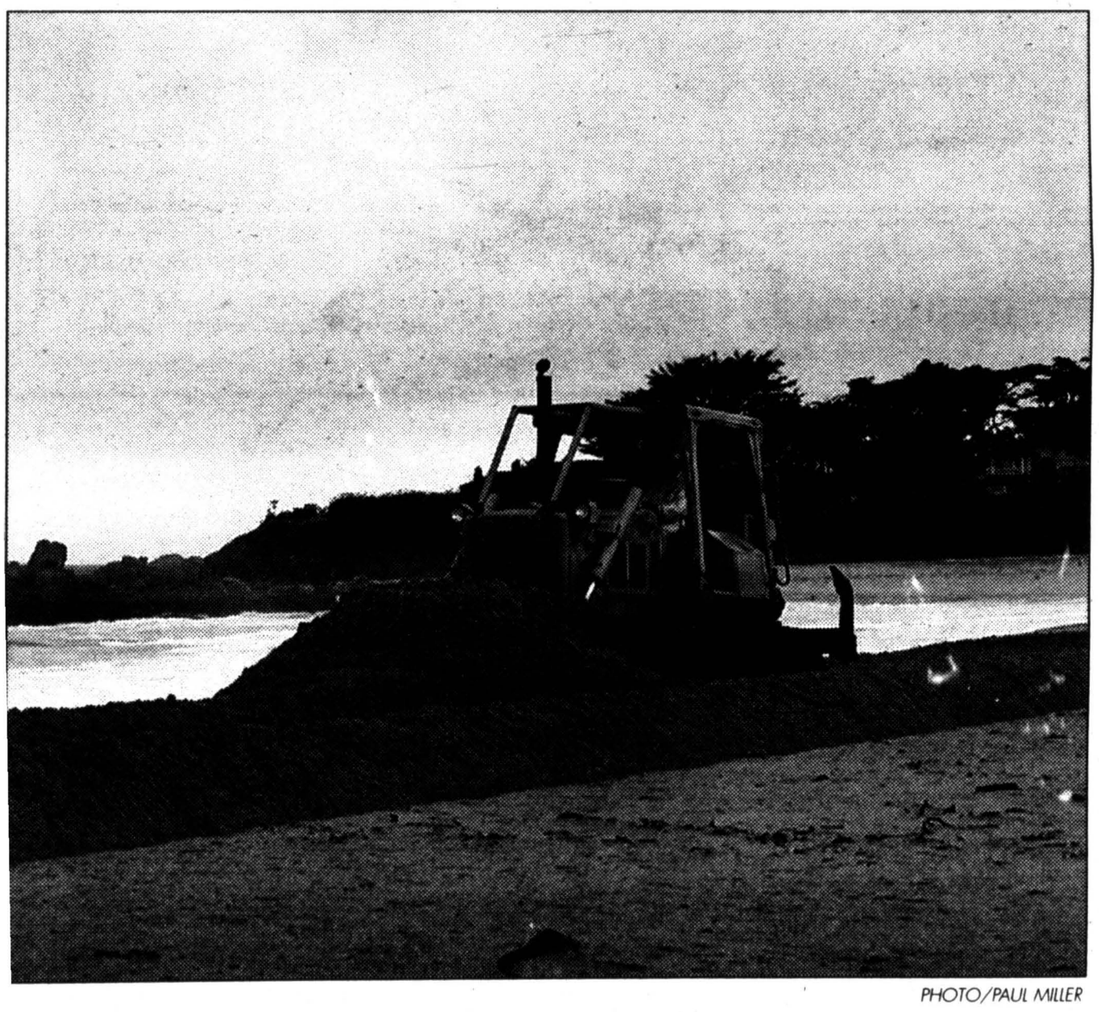
Are bulldozers best?

Lagoon group seeks real breach solution



PHOTO/MARY BROWNFIELD

The yearly bulldozing of Carmel Lagoon for flood protection (below) could be eliminated with a floodwall separating low-lying homes (above) from the marsh. Residents have banded together to have more say in the fish-vs.-homes debate.



PHOTO/PAUL MILLER

By MARY BROWNFIELD

MONTEREY COUNTY workers bulldozed the sandbar to open the Carmel River Lagoon Monday just as its waters threatened nearby homes — a practice the county has employed for decades but which state and federal wildlife officials say is illegal because it interferes with the life cycle of the steelhead trout, a threatened species.

Now, dozens of residents want the uncertainty surrounding the management of the lagoon to end. Homeowners for Effective Lagoon Management was formed in the hope of presenting a unified voice in the ongoing fish-versus-houses debate, according to president Jack Reynolds.

The group's mission is to prevent flooding homes near the lagoon by making control of the water level easier, to work with the Carmel River Watershed Council and government agencies, to minimize damage to the steelhead fish and their habitat, and to preserve the natural beauty of the marshland. HELM is planning a meeting in January to get more people involved. The group will also circulate a newsletter and develop a website, all to help concerned residents stay in the loop.

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Cal-Am helps Sunset get modern fire sprinklers

By TAMARA GRIPPI

CARMEL OFFICIALS are no longer sweating over how to upgrade the San Carlos water line to supply a new fire pump and sprinkler system in the renovated Sunset Center. Cal-Am has agreed to move the $75,000 project to the top of its list of capital improvements.

In a recent letter to Cal-Am, Carmel Mayor Sue McCloud appealed to the water company to upgrade the water line as soon as possible. The city only recently realized its replacement would be necessary for the new fire sprinkler system in the renovated auditorium.

Cal-Am Vice President and Manger of the Coastal Division Steve Leonard agreed to make the Carmel project a top priority.

Leonard explained that the pipe has been in the ground for over 50 years and has been waiting on Cal-Am's replacement list for some time.

"Since it was performing so well, we've gone to other pipes that weren't," he said.

Even so, the San Carlos water line is well beyond the end of its useful life, Leonard said. "Obviously it's needed for this new facility. The upgrade will come at a time of immediate value to the community."

Leonard estimated the water line replacement would take about three months, including time for bids as well as construction. He said Cal-Am's engineers will start moving on the Carmel project in January.

McCloud said she was grateful for Cal-Am's help in keeping Sunset's renovation on line. The old auditorium, built in 1931, did not have a sprinkler system — now required by code.

A sprinkler system for such a large building requires a booster pump for water pressure, and an adequate water line to keep the pump supplied, McCloud said.

"It's very nice of Cal-Am to accelerate the project," the mayor said. "It's also good planning for the future. We try to dig up the street as seldom as possible."

Encore of LUP discussion, housing element draft set

THE CALIFORNIA Coastal Commission's Dec. 12 discussion of Carmel's proposed Land Use Plan will be rebroadcast at 8 a.m. Sunday Dec. 22 on Channel 26.

The city received numerous requests from people who missed the first broadcast and were anxious to watch the meeting.

At the Dec. 12 coastal commission meeting, held at the Hyatt Regency Embarcadero in San Francisco, the state board took its first look at Carmel's proposed LUP, but made no decision on the document.

The city and the coastal staff are currently at odds over the maximum home size on standard lots and whether Scenic Road should be open to public parking late at night.

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Holiday cheer abounds at Seniors Helping Seniors gathering

By MARY BROWNFIELD

CARMEL SEEMS to be a fountain of youth, with many seniors living independently well into their 90s and occasionally their 100s. Maintaining that quality of life is the goal of programs like Seniors Helping Seniors.

Operated out of the Carmel Police Department, different volunteers come to the station every morning to call a handful of residents around town, checking that they are OK and have whatever they need. If something is wrong, help is on the way in minutes. Some of the folks involved in Seniors Helping Seniors both make and receive the calls.

And every year just before Christmas, Carmel Community Services Officer Lisa Panetta, who organizes Seniors Helping Seniors, holds a holiday party at her Monte Verde Street home. The event offers a chance for the people who speak with each other on the phone each week to visit face to face.

Several recipients and callers, as well as a number of Carmel-by-the-Sea's finest and other city officials, dropped by Panetta's decked-out residence Dec. 11 to celebrate the holiday season with a little food and drink.

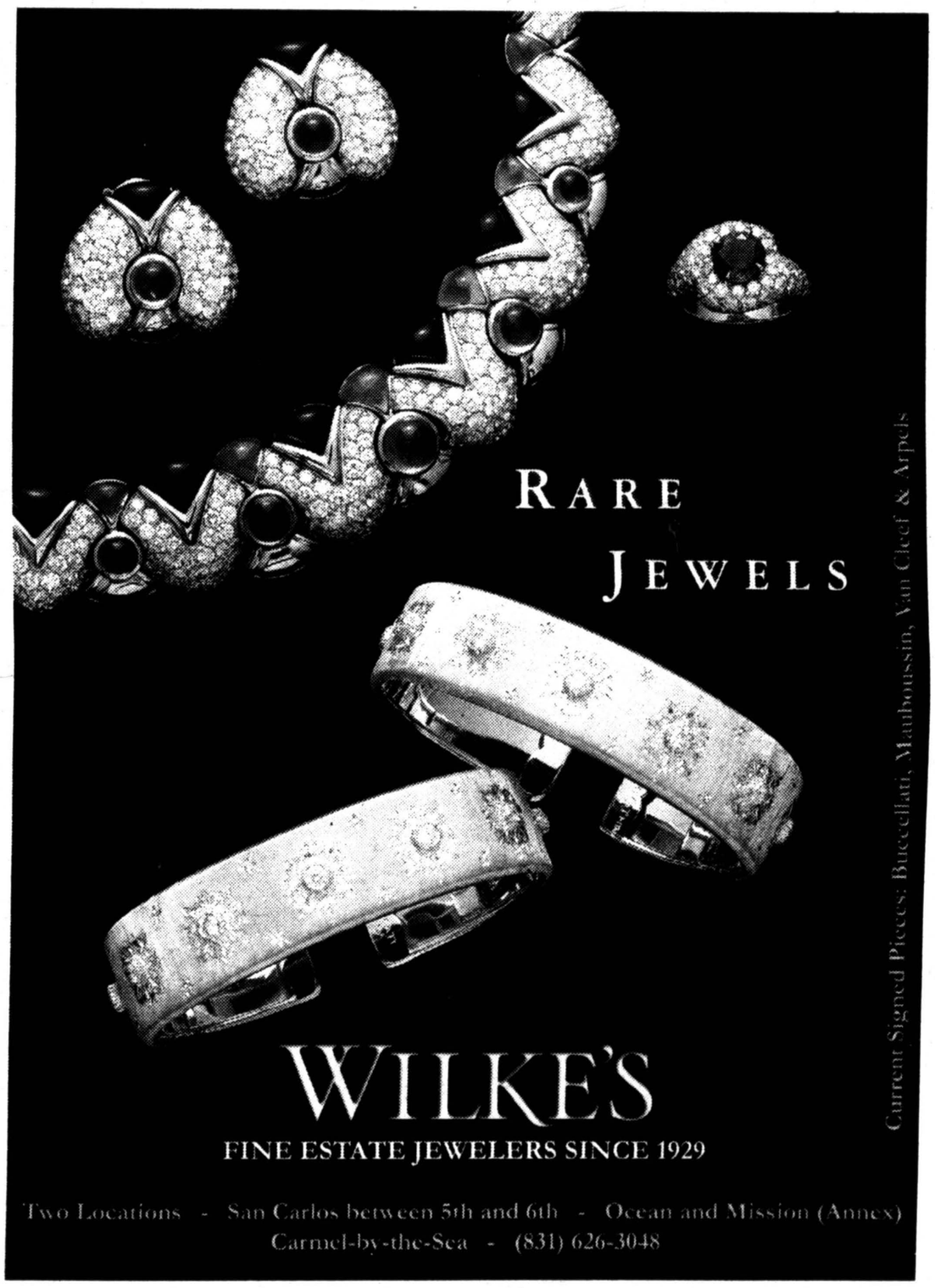
Seniors Helping Seniors is always searching for more people to make the calls and more people to receive them. Anyone interested should contact CPD at 624-6403.



Carmel Community Services Officer Lisa Panetta, who runs the Seniors Helping Seniors program, invited all involved for a holiday party at her Monte Verde home Dec. 11. Edith Pullen, 92, a Carmel resident for 49 years, receives a check-up call from someone at the department each day.

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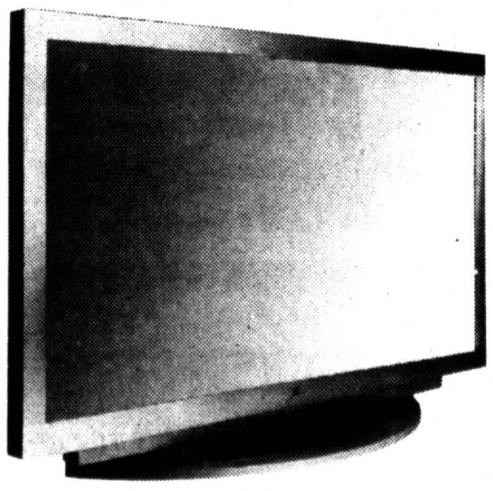
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A POSTHUMOUS INTERVIEW WITH THE GREAT ARTIST

By MARGOT PETIT NICHOLS

WHAT WOULD Vincent Van Gogh think if he were to leave his celestial surroundings and come back to the Auberge Ravoux in the little town of Auvers-sur-Oise, France? It was there he lived during the last 70 days of his life the summer of 1890 — sleeping in a tiny attic room above the auberge, so small he had to stuff his finished paintings under the narrow bed, and eating his last meals in the restaurant below. Here follows a posthumous interview in which Vincent speaks with a French accent, rather than a Dutch accent, which is beyond the capabilities of the writer.

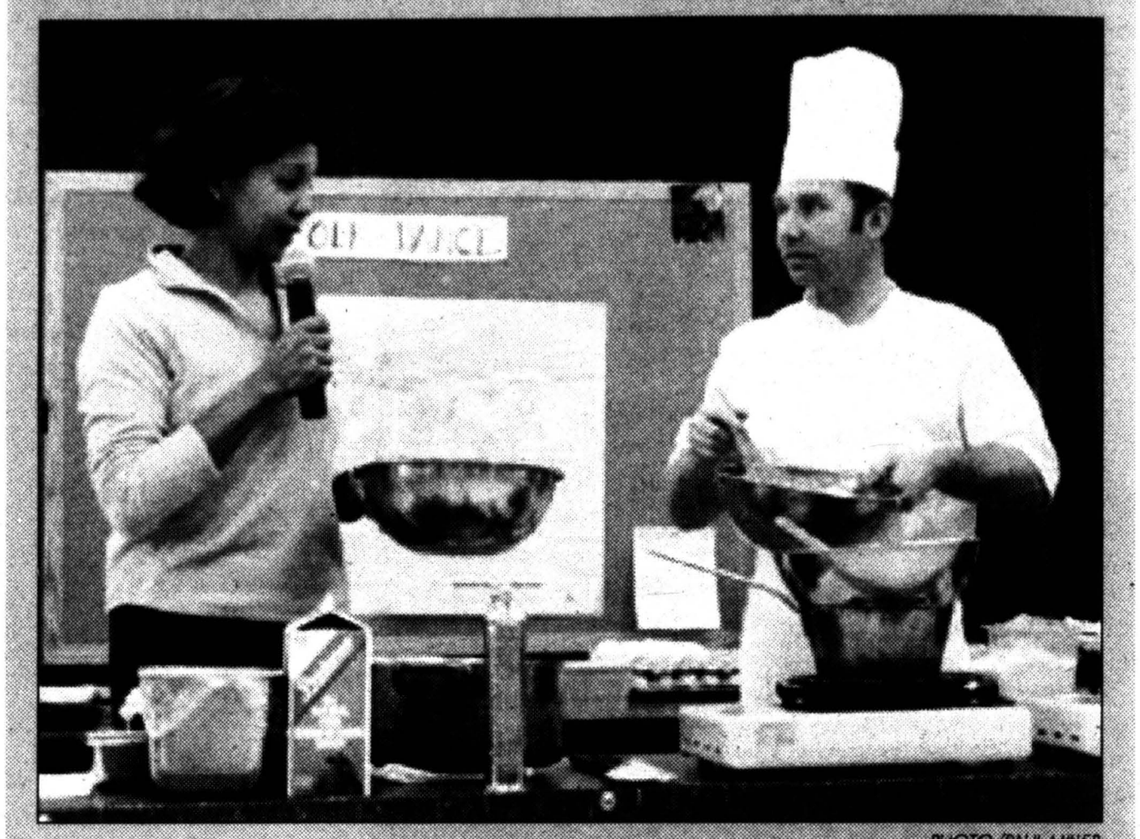
Vincent: Why are all zoze tourists climbing ze stairs to my leetel rume? I sold only one painteeng before I died. What do zay expect to find? And what happened to mon table in ze dining rume?

Vincent, don't you know you became famous as a painter after you passed over? That's why they come to the auberge. While you were there, you painted a wonderful homage to the small church in Auvers, and portraits of Dr. Gachet and Madame Ravoux. But alas, Vincent, the table is no longer there. It rests in a place of honor in a small and charming restaurant in Carmel-by-the-Sea in the State of California, U.S.A. Not only that, but your Christian name, Vincent — in a reproduction of your own handwriting — is emblazoned in red on white dinner plates and across the wine label of a wine made in your honor at a small Carmel Valley winery called Georis. Not only these items, but cooking pots — such as they use at the Auberge Ravoux — are for sale at the American restaurant, as is a cookbook, "Van Gogh's Table," written and published last year by Alexandra Leaf and Fred Leeman.

Comment? Vincent asked. Mais, pourquoi?

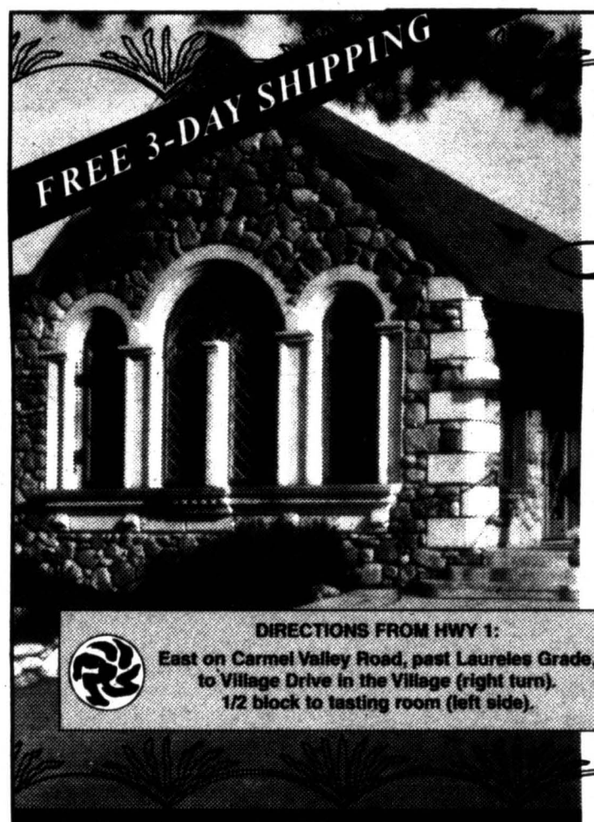
You might well ask why, Vincent. We are told it is in the name of French/American relations, a cultural exchange between two artistic communities, as it were, and in the name of commerce. After all, there is money to be made in such promotions. But this is not just a trumped up publicity stunt: Chef Christophe Bony from the Auberge Ravoux has been imported, along with your table. He is working side by side with Chef Didier Dutertre at the Casanova Restaurant in Carmel-by-the-Sea through the months of December and January.* Together they will create very special three-course dinners based on the recipes from the cookbook. Dinners will be served at communal tables

VAN GOGH'S TABLE AT RIVER SCHOOL



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SYLVIA GEORIS and French chef Christophe Bony demonstrate how to prepare *cagouille d'escargots et champignons à l'anis* — snails and assorted wild mushrooms with sweet anise — before some 130 Carmel River School students as part of the ongoing Chefs & Kids for Healthy Living program. About 50 of the fourth and fifth grade students were adventurous enough to try the prepared snails, while all of them braved chocolate soufflée. Bony, head chef of Auberge Ravoux in Auvers-sur-Oise, France, is visiting Carmel-by-the-Sea and cooking beside Didier Dutertre at the Georis' Casanova Restaurant during a promotion to show off a table at which Vincent Van Gogh took his meals at the auberge in 1890. The recipes Chef Bony demonstrated are from the cookbook, "Van Gogh's Table."



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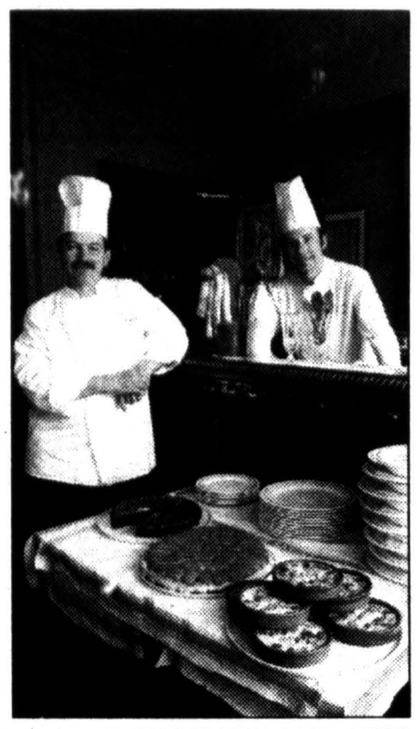
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Casanova Restaurant's Chef Didier Dutertre (foreground), with Chef Bony — are preparing special dinners this month and next in honor of Van Gogh's table, which is now permanently housed at Casanova.

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in a very pretty, rustic room awash with European ambiance. After aperitifs at 6:30 p.m., and following a Viewing of the Table, the main course will be served.

Vincent: But I do not know zees Chef Bony.

Of course not, Vincent, you died 114 years ago. As a matter of fact, the *raison d'etre*, sort of, is to commemorate your 150th birthday.

Vincent: I have 150 years?

Well, if you had lived, you would be that old now.

Vincent: And zees iz zee raison for a celebration?

Work with me, Vincent. How else could this promotion be held?

Vincent: Mon dieu!

Mon dieu, indeed. But imagine, not only is an aperitif of sparkling Rosé served before these exquisite dinners, but after *The Viewing of the Table*, one sits down to dine with friends and even strangers. A faboo first course is served, then the ravishing main course (there is a choice of two items), then a scrumptious dessert with house coffee or tea. The evening costs $65 per person, exclusive of wines from the wine list, tax and gratuity. And when the couples are ready to leave, they are presented with a 375 ml. bottle of "Vincent" red wine as a parting gift to be enjoyed as a souvenir.

Vincent: Ze leetle bottle of wine iz at no charge?

Right! But diners can buy extra bottles at $16 each, and they can buy the cookbook, cooking pots and even the plates with your name on them. They make handsome gifts.

Vincent: Oui, je comprends. But what of my table?

Well, no one can buy it, but it can be rented out for private events at a home or other off-site locations.

Vincent: You are pooling my laig!

Not at all. Anyone can do this by calling 625-0501 for reservations or to rent the table.

Vincent: But what of ze Auberge Ravoux? Zay have neezair my table — nor even ze chef.

Don't worry, Vincent. They have your bed.

Vincent: Will zay sell zat, too?

Not if they know what's good for them.

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*The Van Gogh Table dinners will be served on Dec. 23 and Jan. 6, 8, 13, 15, 20 and 22, 2003. Be sure to call 626-8264 for reservations.

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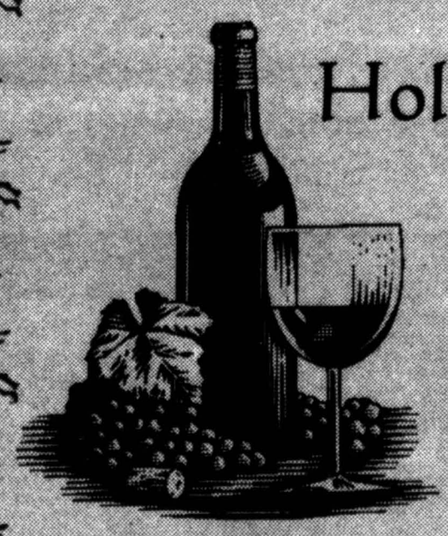
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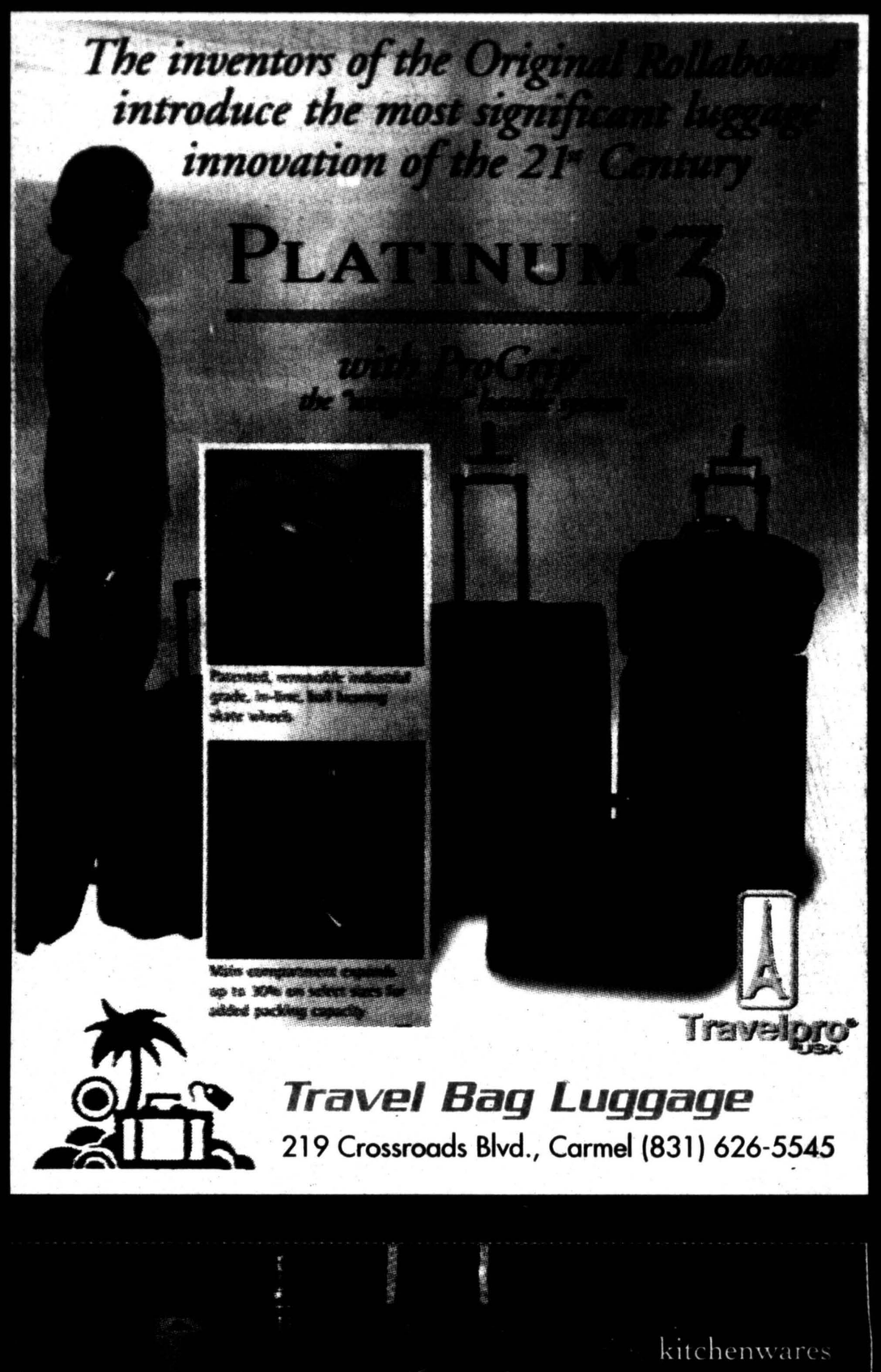
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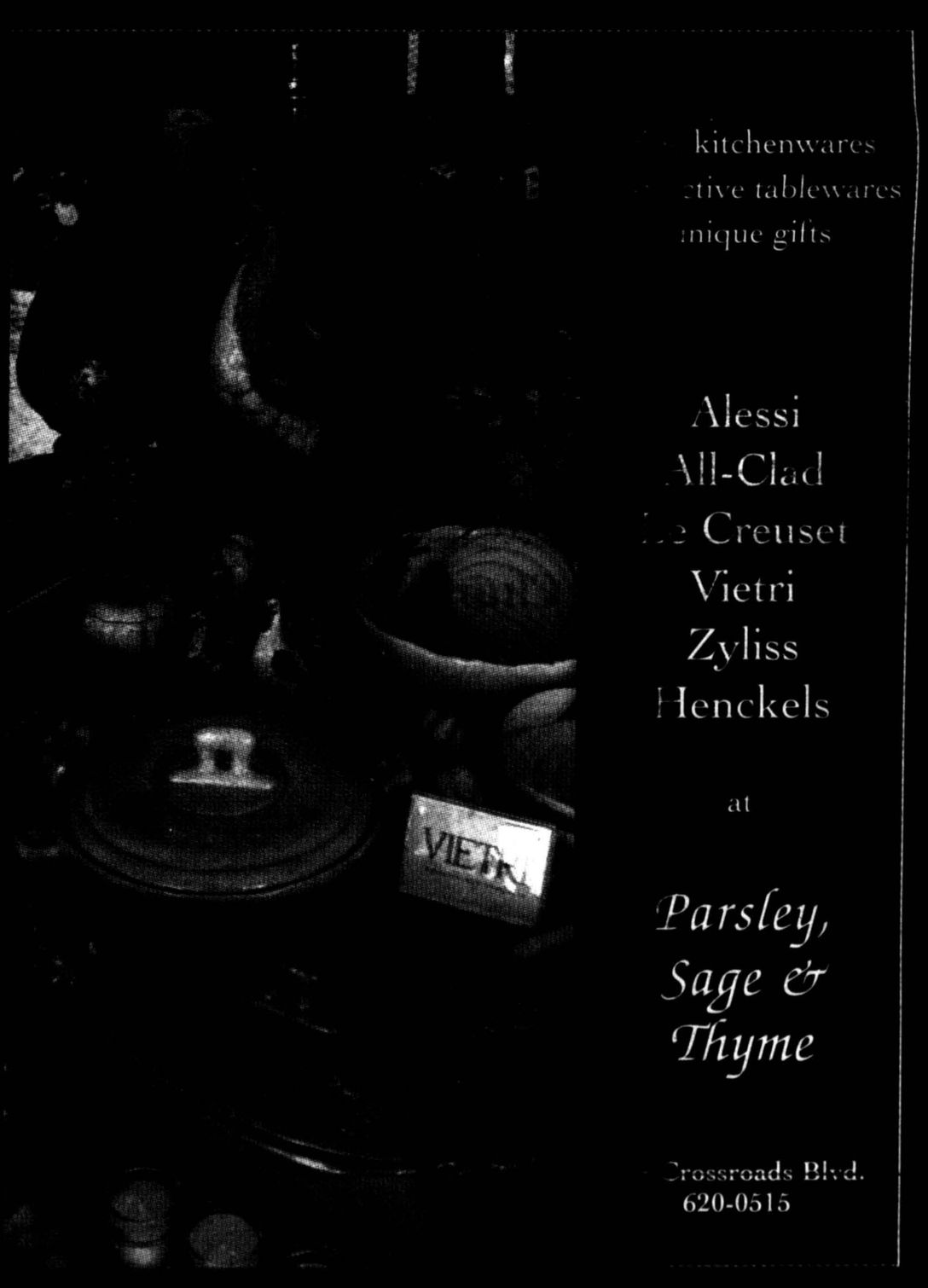
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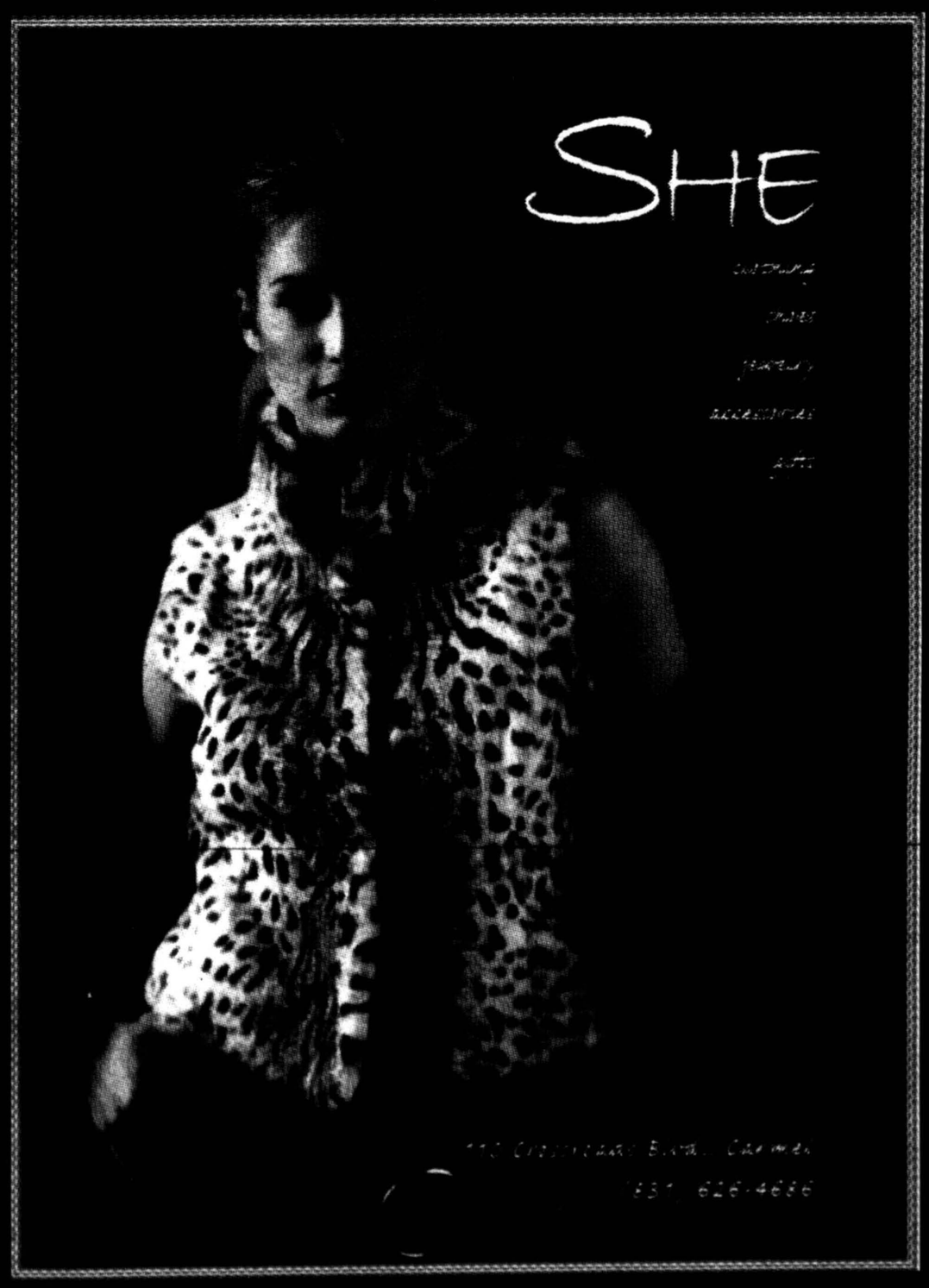


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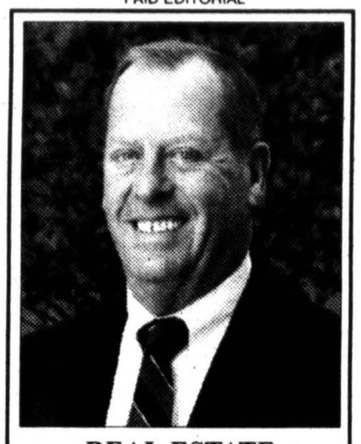


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For the buyer, there are many potential benefits. First, carry-back financing typically is less expensive than normal financing from a conventional lender. Second, it may be possible, by putting a down payment and the carry-back financing together, to need only 80% (or less) loan-to-value financing from a conventional lender, thus saving the buyer from having to pay a monthly mortgage insurance premium.

So why don't more sales involve carry-back financing? Generally, sellers want all their proceeds today, thank you, and they don't want an investment that could possibly involve a foreclosure process. Still, carry-back financing can be a win-win for both parties. Questions? Call John Levinson at 659-8002.

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COASTAL

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from having too much power.

"The governor does not have any power over the coastal commission," Zumbrun said. "They can thumb their noses at him and do anything they want."

All three judges seemed to agree, including both appointees of former Governor George Deukmejian — Scotland and Judge Rodney Davis — and an appointee of Governor Gray Davis, Ronald B. Robie.



Judge Scotland

They barely waited for the coastal commission's advocate, deputy attorney general Joseph Barbieri, to begin his remarks to before interrupting him to ask about the Legislature's power to fire coastal commissioners.

"Over the past 150 years, the Legislature has created hundreds of executive agencies and appointed and removed thousands of executive officers," Barbieri began, "and in an unbroken line of cases, the California Supreme Court has upheld the Legislature's power to appoint executive officers."

"Yes, but have those cases dealt with removal at will?" Judge Scotland suddenly asked. The debate on that issue, with all the judges joining in, went on for nearly an hour.

At one point, Judge Davis chided Barbieri after he wouldn't concede that the power to remove commissioners at will amounted to the power to control what they do. "Does the Assembly speaker try to tell coastal commissioners how to vote? I don't think that's going on," Barbieri said.

"When they sent you here to argue this case, they picked somebody who always sees the glass as half full," said Judge Davis. "You have a very rosy view of human nature."

"That's a compliment . . . I guess," Barbieri said.

But while the judges showed an inclination to agree that the commission is unconstitutional because its members can be fired willy nilly, they didn't seem to agree with Zumbrun that an Executive Branch agency cannot have a majority of its members appointed by the Legislature.

"You are saying that even if you remove the 'at will' provision, it still violates the separation of powers clause?" Judge Scotland asked. "I don't get it."

"You haven't drawn the distinction to my satisfaction," agreed Judge Robie.

The discussion wasn't just academic. Throughout the commission's 26-year history, allegations of vote-trading and favoritism have been common. Just last week, coastal commission chair Sara Wan was forced from office because, she complained, Assembly Speaker Herb Wesson decided she should be.

In 2000, the Sierra Club charged that Hollywood mogul David Geffen got a permit for a sea wall because of his fund raising for Democratic political candidates.

One commissioner, Mark Nathanson, went to jail in 1993 for taking bribes in exchange for coastal permits.

And, after the appeals court had finished hearing arguments about the future of the coastal commission this week, Robert Franco of Del Rey Oaks told The Pine Cone about the circumstances of his removal from the coastal commission in 1991 by Assembly Speaker Willie Brown.

"I assume it was because the speaker didn't like the way I was going to vote on a Disney project that was proposed for 240 acres of the Long Beach port," Franco said. According to Franco, he had already voted against the Disney plan once and, with another vote coming up right away, Brown had a police officer deliver a dismissal letter to Franco in his driveway as he was leaving to attend a coastal commission meeting.

"During my eight-and-a-half years since he appointed me to the commission, the speaker never called me and told me how to vote. But he sure fired me in a hurry," Franco said.

Would a system of fixed terms be better for the coastal commission? "It would be an improvement, so that nobody's going to be shaking in their boots that they might displease their appointing officer," Franco said.

The Court of Appeal has 90 days to issue a decision in the coastal commission case.

THEATER

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The final destination of the pines' remains remains to be seen. Iverson typically takes cut-up fallen trees directly to the Pebble Beach Co., which cuts them into firewood. The company uses five cords of firewood a week at its resorts, according to tree service owner Mike Iverson.

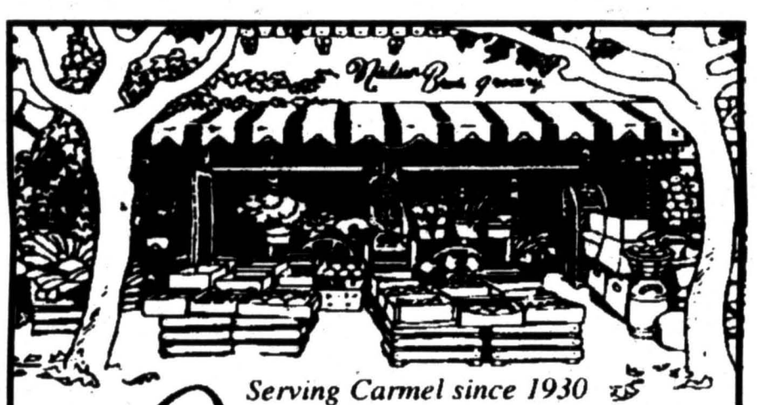
(A cord amounts to 128 cubic feet, or a stack of wood 8 feet long, 4 feet wide and 4 feet high.)

The company has its own processor to cut the logs into rounds and split them for firewood, and chips the branches for mulch.

But the Forest Theater trees might end up in a final resting place closer to home.

"We're looking at having it split for the summer season, since they burn wood in the fireplaces at the theater," D'Ambrosio said. "We'll see if the various theater companies would like to have it."

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SUNSET

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major damage was noted anywhere in the city.

The big storms disrupted construction at Sunset Center for several days, but not enough to slow construction significantly, according to construction manager Ken Wenham.

"The storm didn't do any major damage," said Wenham. "It's just a day in the life of a contractor in winter."

As another storm hit with full force Thursday, Wenham moved the entire 40-person crew inside the building to work. An even bigger storm on Monday forced half the crew to go home.

During the break between storms, the crews worked to make the auditorium as weatherproof as possible.

"We spent all last week in anticipation of the storm," Wenham said.

Roebbelen Construction put up a blue plastic tarp over the stage house as an added measure of protection for the tar paper already in place.

The renovation did suffer some minor damage during this week's storms, with the high winds blowing off some of the temporary plastic sheathing intended to protect the building.

"But we had crews here over the weekend putting it up as fast as it came down," Wenham said. "There was no damage to the finished product."

Though Sunset also suffered a few leaks during the harsh wet weather, Wenham said his workers were able to confine them and pump out the water.

Wenham said the renovation has reached the stage where it can withstand rain showers and normal winds and construction — even on the exterior — can continue, even during a downpour.

"It's just a judgment call to see if people can work safely," Wenham said. "It was the winds and the severity of the rain on Monday that really hampered us."

While the roof of the auditorium has been completely covered with tar paper, crews have not yet finished their work putting up the exterior walls and framing the roof of the new lobby.

The City of Carmel-by-the-Sea and the Carmel Bach Festival are counting on the renovation wrapping up in time so the Bach Festival — which has been displaced for the last two years — can return to its home at Sunset Center next summer. So far, delays to the project have been minimal and opening night is scheduled for July 19.



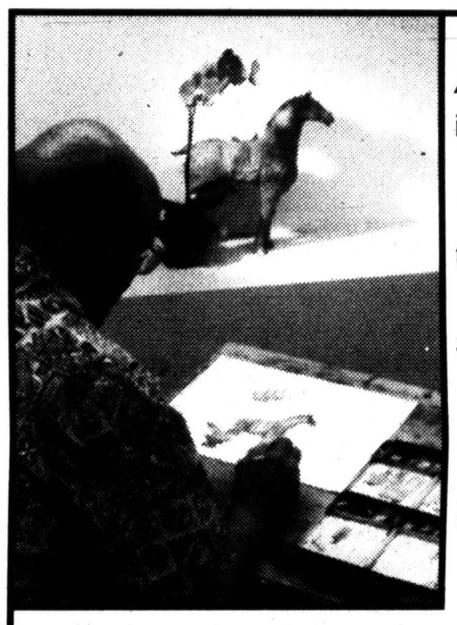
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An 80-foot-tall Monterey pine tore free of soggy Pebble Beach ground Dec. 19, crashing into the roof of the Bank of the West branch next to the Pebble Beach Market. No one was in the bank at the time, as it was closed due to widespread power outages throughout the forest. The tree was counted among hundreds that fell in Pebble Beach and the surrounding area Thursday, downing power lines and closing roads.

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MARJORIE WURZMANN, a Carmelite for the past 70 years and one of the most influential contributors to the arts here, died Nov. 24 at her home. She was 96.



Born Marjorie Anne Legge in McCloud, she was the daughter of Robert T. Legge, M.D., a pioneer in industrial medicine, and Irene Farjeon, who possessed an extraordinary knowledge of and dramatic talent for interpreting great literature. Growing up beneath the majesty of Mount Shasta with her two brothers, Robert Jr. and Herbert, was a magical experience for Marjorie. At the age of 8 she moved with her family to Berkeley, where her father accepted a professorial position at UC and where he also founded the first on-campus student health center in the country at Cowell Hospital. She began studying piano as a child, as it was her lifelong dream to become a concert pianist.

After attending UC Berkeley for two years, she studied music at the Palais de Fontainebleau in France, followed by 18 months in Vienna, Austria, where she made her concert debut in May, 1932. Returning to the States, she began teaching piano in Berkeley and, later, in Carmel, where she opened a small studio on Lincoln Street at 13th.

In 1934 she met Fritz Theodore Wurzmann, originally from Frankfurt, Germany. With the help of his cousin, Dr. Amelia Gates, he had established a business, the Wurzmann Typewriter Exchange, on Alvarado Street in Monterey. After a three-month whirlwind courtship, they were married on July 16, 1934. In time her desire for children was fulfilled by the arrival of two daughters, Renee and Andrea.

During World War II, Mrs. Wurzmann entertained the troops at Fort Ord, and for the rest of her life continued to give recitals, both in public and in the homes of friends, while continuing to teach piano.

When she believed in a cause she supported it vigorously. As an example, during the People's Park demonstration in Berkeley in the '60s, she and Fritz joined their daughter, Andrea, in the parade, later writing numerous letters to newspapers and to UC administrators.

Mrs. Wurzmann, in becoming its chairwoman, was also instrumental in reopening the Cherry Foundation (celebrating the mystical paintings of Jeanne D'Orge), which had been closed for many years (now known as the Cherry Center for the Arts).

She was a student her entire life, studying classic literature, as well as French, Italian, metaphysics, Eastern Religions and psychic phenomena. She later enrolled in the MPC Gentrain curriculum, which provided her with a chance to visit Greece and Thomas Jefferson's home in Monticello. She contributed her time generously to the community as well, collecting for charities and serving in various board positions. She was president of the Carmel Music Society and a board member of the Monterey County Symphony, Carmel Bach Festival (with which she performed in its very first festival), Carmel Arts Council, and Carmel Preservation Foundation, which, through the driving force of Enid Sales, was instrumental in saving Sunset Center.

While still with her husband, she entertained often with legendary dinner parties and after-concert receptions, flowing with intellectual conversations, laughter and music. Their guests included famous as well as local artists, musicians, dancers, actors, photographers, authors and poets, including Langston Hughes, writer and poet; Edward Weston and Ansel Adams, great photographers; Gilbert Boyer, musician, in whose chamber music ensemble she once performed; Noel Sullivan, singer and philanthropist; Gastone Usigli, second conductor of the Bach Festival; Maxim Shapiro, pianist; Richard Lofton, artist; Dora Hagemeyer, poet; Harper and Eve Brown, poet and creative artist, respectively; Ericka Franke, creator of Monterey's Christmas angels; and Edward Kuster, founder of the Golden Bough Playhouse.

Mrs. Wurzmann loved hiking in the High Sierra, where, with her family, she vacationed at Fallen Leaf Lake for three weeks annually for almost 20 years. Their strenuous hikes included Mount Tallac and the Desolation Valley area. She also loved to travel to "the city," San Francisco, to attend opera, ballet and symphony performances, visit the art galleries, and to shop, especially at Christmas, at the grand old department stores surrounding Union Square.

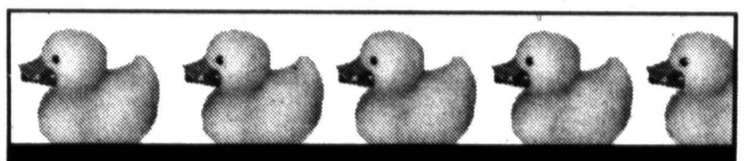
After her husband died in 1980, she continued to volunteer her time as a Pink Lady for CHOMP, as well as read to the blind. She left behind a voluminous notebook of memoirs, vividly depicting major events and experiences in her life.

She is survived by two daughters, Renee Maria Farjeon, former ballet dancer and local actress, and Andrea Woelfle, rehabilitation counselor for the State of California in Sacramento, and a son-in-law, Joe Woelfle.

RALPH WARREN MARSH of Carmel, a seafood broker and distributor, died Oct. 31. He was 91.

Born in Wallingford, Conn., Mr. Marsh studied at Whitman College in Walla Walla, Wash. He was a Boy Scout leader, a member of the Model Railroad and Redwood Empire Rose societies, and a gardener.

He is survived by his wife, Midge, of Sebastapol; daughters Carol of North Carolina and Marian Fleming of Sebastapol; two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, Ralph M., a brother, Norman, and a sister, Elaine Erkin.



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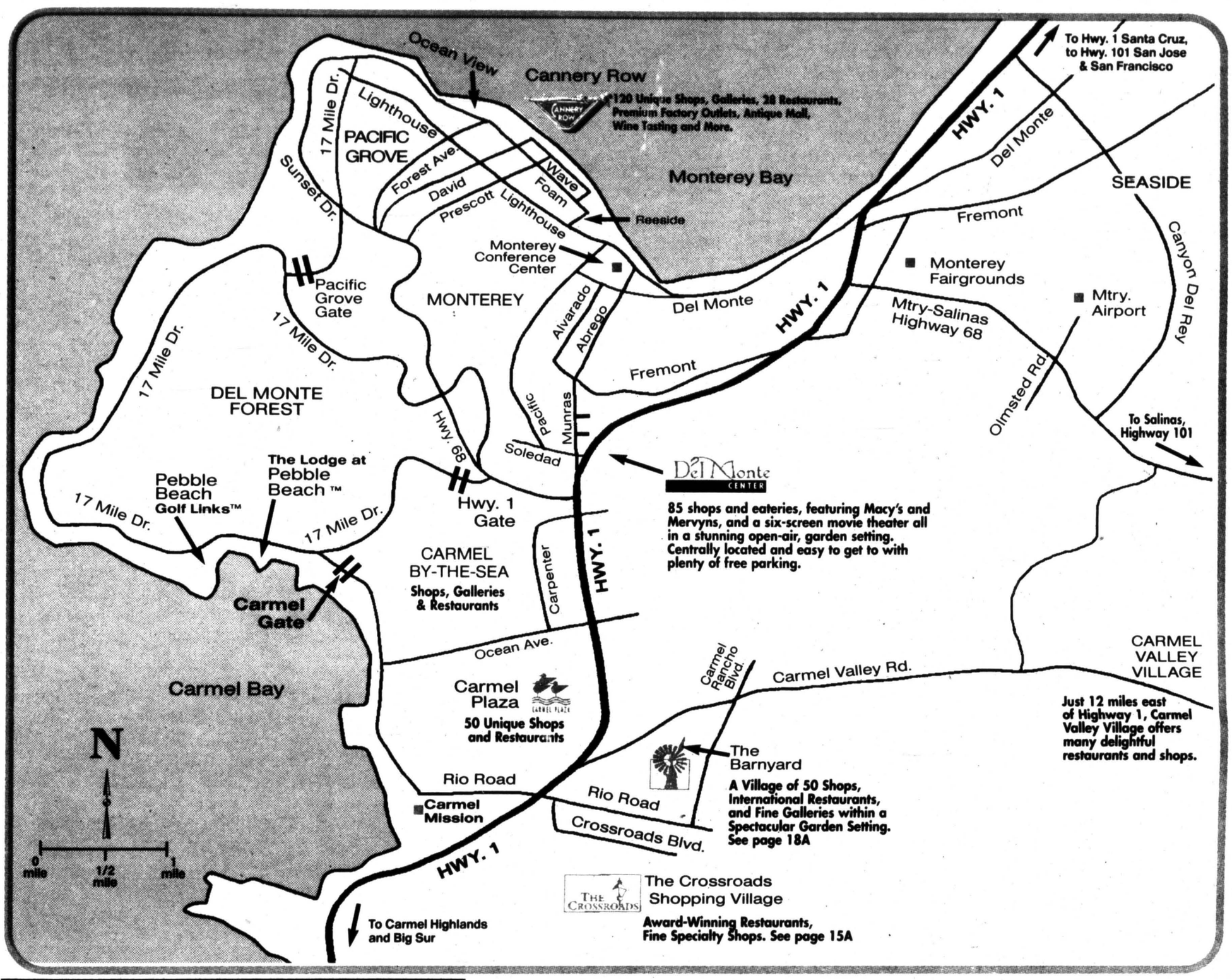
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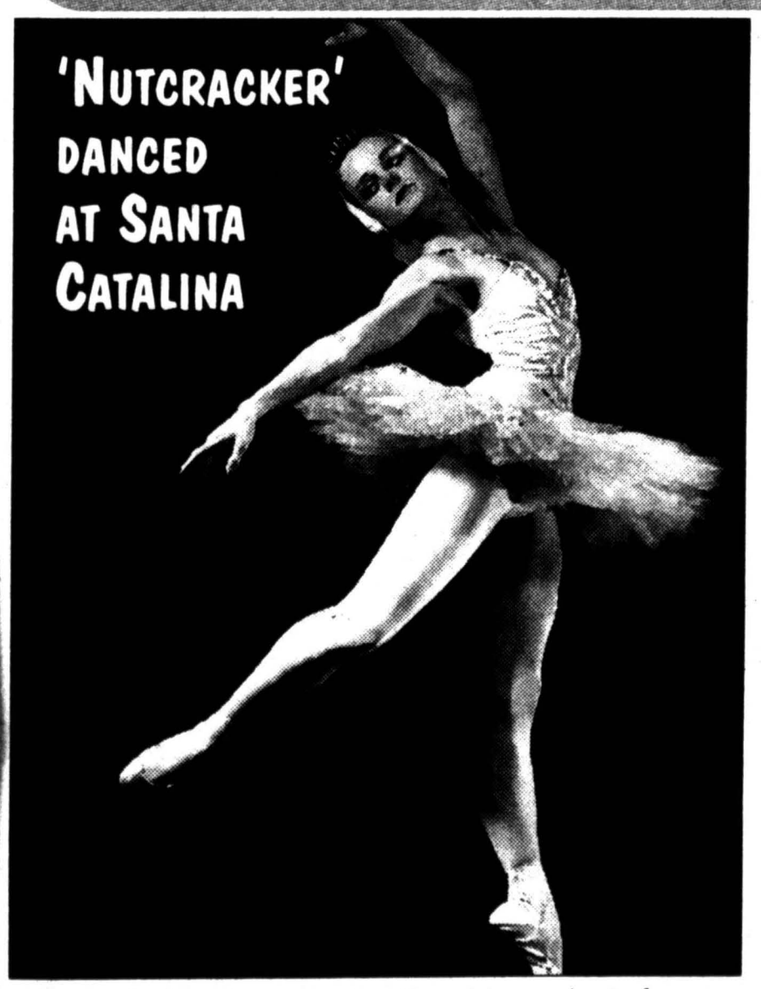
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WHAT: Ballet Fantasque's "The Nutcracker" features Katarina Wester-O'Rourke of the Royal Swedish Ballet in the "Snow Pas de Deux"
WHEN: 3 and 8 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21-22
WHERE: Santa Catalina School Performing Arts Center, 1500 Mark Thomas Drive, Monterey
COST: $16 adults; $14 students and seniors; $10 children 12 and under
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Monday's performance is scheduled to include Michael Praetorius' "In Dulci Jubilo;" Tavener's "Village Wedding" and the haunting "Ave Maria" by Franz Biebl.

For reservations, call (800) 407-1400.

Two Thornton Wilder short plays conclude run at Forest Theatre

WHAT: Tracy Brown plays Lucia Bayard, Peter Eberhardt is Roderick and Mary McNamara portrays Mother Bayard, shown here in "The Long Christmas Dinner." This play and "Happy Journey to Trenton and Camden," both short works by Thornton Wilder, are staged by Staff Players Repertory Company.

WHEN: 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20 to 22.

WHERE: Indoor Forest Theatre, Mountain View and Santa Rita, Carmel-by-the-Sea.

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CHARTWELL SCHOOL'S BASH DRAWS THE IN CROWD

UPHOLDING THE **Chartwell School's** annual theme of the Twelve Days of Christmas, this year's "**A Party in a Pear Tree**" was, as always, "the" event of the year for our local Who's Who. Emceed by KION's **Hunter Finnell**, guests crowded the Beach Club . . . But despite the glamour of the evening, the real cause — the education of dyslexic kids — was still at the forefront of many conversations. Board member **Peter Brooks**, with wife **Incy**, noted: "We're really lucky to have such a high powered educator like **Doug Atkins** join us," referring to the recent arrival of the new executive director, there with wife **Kristen**. Board member **Dave Buchanan** added, "He's absolutely brilliant." Dave & wife **Joyce** just moved into their spectacular new residence in Palo Alto, with all the construction and decorating finally done. And they're only a walk away from the town's center . . . **Pam Michels** just celebrated her 60th and hubby & board member **Bruce** admits he still "can never say no to her!" (Gems are hard to turn down!) Bruce co-chaired the event, along with **Judy Tollner** . . . **Shane Fuller** never disappoints with her choice of dress; this evening she wore a striking long black skirt. But she insisted that hubby **Stewart** helps a lot in choosing her great clothes (Can we clone him?) . . . **Eric Paulson**, with wife **Carol**, just moved back here. Eric used to be Carmel High's principal . . . **Pat & Jill Corrigan**, who have one Chartwell child, chatted with board member **Kay Sullivan** & hubby **Terry**. Kay said when she first moved here from Southern California, "within 48 hours different people told me Chartwell was a good group to join; so when I wanted to give back to the community, this seemed perfect." . . . Other newbies are **Chris & Joann Harris**, recently of Palo Alto . . . **Bill & Nancy Doolittle** have been coming to this

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Suzanne and Steve Diamond love to attend the annual Chartwell gala.

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. . . and, by the way . . .



Pine Needles

By Sissi Maleki

Dear Santa:

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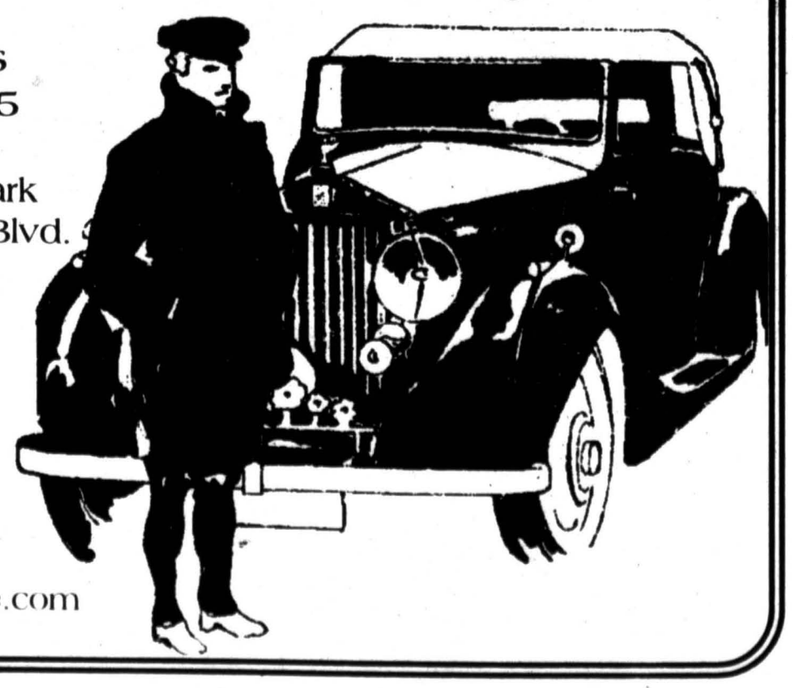
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By MARGOT PETIT NICHOLS

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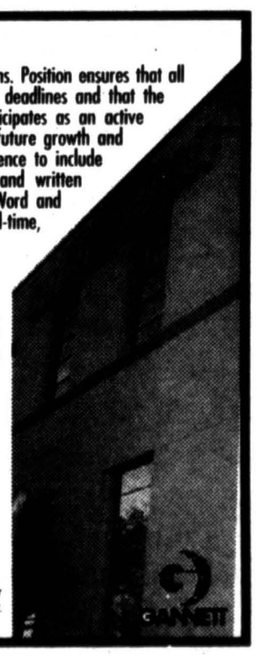
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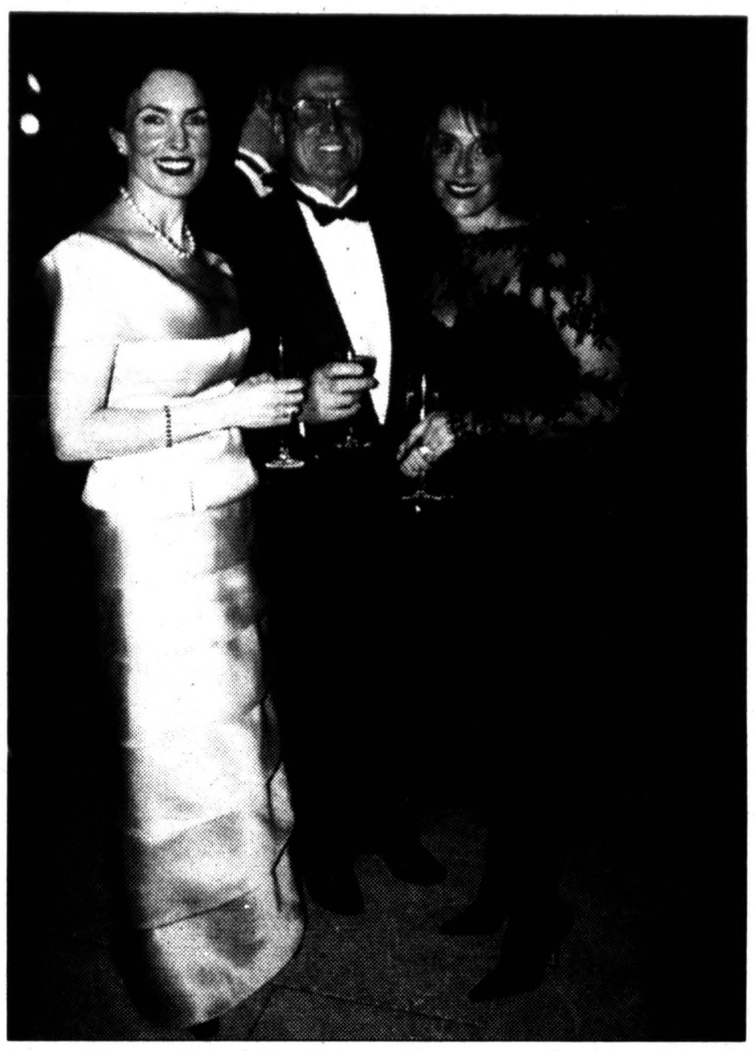
event since the start. "I always believed in [school co-founder] **Nicki McMahan**," said Nancy . . . **Pam Sageman**, mom of **Katie**, 12, and **Steve & Laurie Johnson**, parents of **Logan**, 13, couldn't say enough about Chartwell. "It's a diamond on the peninsula," said Laurie . . . **Karen Magranet**, parent of student **Drew**, 12, won the hearts of the dinner crowd when she generously outbid others on several auction items, including a huge student-crafted quilt to keep at the school . . . **Erl Lagerholm** escorted the lovely Emmy-winning actress **Barbara Babcock**, whom he first met when she was modeling at the Brussels World Fair . . . **Jackie Martinsen**, who works with board member **Harvey Kilpatrick**, had hubby **Tom**, along . . . **Jennifer Bayles** talked **Barbara Hammond** into coming; they're friends from their Portola Valley days . . . **Suzanne Diamond**, with hubby **Steve**, wore a rhinestone necklace that once belonged to Josephine Baker . . . The lovely **Carolyn Samson** brought along **Dick Bruhn** . . . **Jayne Brinton**, with hubby **Richard**, is still flying high with the continued success of her design & product makeover at Brinton's . . . Other guests seen: **Bob & Barbara Booker, Dixie Smith, Wendell & Dee Breithaupt, Janice Tancredi, Renée Kelly, Ron Antuzzi & Olina Zennova, Steve & Vel Cox, Rhonda & Myles Williams, Suzanne O'Neal,** teacher **Kathleen Beique, Alicia Roberts** and **Terry & Peter Baldwin**.

■ Dance Kids bring on the Nutcracker

The opening night reception, at the Golden Bough Theatre, of the **Nutcracker 2002** by Monterey County's **Dance Kids**, was filled with adorable kids already all made up and ready to perform. **Mackenzie King**, 9, and **Fiona Alfait**, 8, were just a few of them, meeting everyone at the door . . . Parent **Joanne Suyematsu** of **Jade**, 11, brought friend **Martina Ledzinski** . . . **Andria Anderson**, 17, has been in almost every Nutcracker production here . . . Psychologist and parent **Vince Alfait** has observed that "these older girls give so much to the little ones; there's no attitude" . . . **Mark & Ximena Stelzried** whose son, **Kyle**, 14, was playing the Rat King, said he loves the dancing. "It's a way of expressing himself," said the mother . . . **Bobbie Infelise** regretted that her kids were all grown: "Otherwise, I would've gotten to do this with them all over again!" . . . **Melanie Crall's** daughter, **Stella Rose**, 5, came to see her friends on stage . . . **Yvonne Ascher's** son, **Jake Laub**, 15, was playing the Prince . . . **Siobhan Greene's Brighid**, 13, (charmingly spelled Gaelic-style) was also performing. Her brother, **Byron**, 10, had already "seen too much of her dancing!" but he forced himself to be a good sport.

■ Sorority holds luncheon

The **Monterey Bay Area National Alumnae Panhellenic** group gathered at the Monterey Peninsula Country Club for a holiday luncheon, featuring a talk by **Shawna Herschfield** of the Monterey History Association and with special guest **Carrie Coffee**, 20, the most recent recipient of the group's scholarship program . . . **Edie Ramsay's** already working on the group's spring fashion show slated for April 5 . . . **Jackie Holmes** wore a fascinating charm necklace she inherited from her aunt. "She traveled all over the world and picked something up at each place," she said . . . **Jody Heidelberg's** a new grandma to **Amber**, from her son, Col. **Ryan Norman** . . . Others seen: **Ann Hartman, Jody Norman, scholarship chair Rosemary George, Betty Ann Jensen, Barbara Keating, Dee Rasco,** and of course board prez **Laurie Martin**.



Janice Tancredi and Jim & Karen Fanoe caught up with each other at the Chartwell gala



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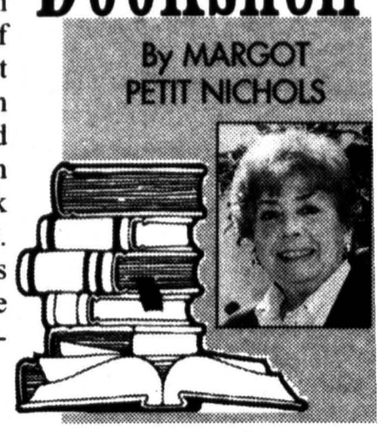


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Old Carmel, acting practices and local wildflowers discussed here

The Bookshelf

By MARGOT PETIT NICHOLS



HERE'S A book that contains 78 photos of Carmel-by-the-Sea and other Monterey Peninsula towns and cities from the 1890s to 1940 — windows into the past — with some text, but mostly captions.

The cover photo of this 128-page softcover book, **"Monterey Peninsula — The Golden Age,"** is a delightful scene of "Picnickers at Pebble Beach" (circa 1902). Two gentlemen in suits with vests and wearing hats, and two young women in mutton-leg sleeve blouses and Gibson Girl skirts are sitting on blankets, eating a picnic repast. The young ladies are chaperoned by an elderly, white haired, almost formally attired woman holding a bunch of grapes in one hand while looking through glasses with one curiously blanked-out lens. A wicker covered bottle of wine and a picnic hamper rest invitingly on a white tablecloth. Despite their constricting attire, this happy group seems perfectly comfortable lolling on the sand.



On page 37 there is a great 1890 shot of Alvarado Street with a carriage track in evidence and a gentleman in a sombrero and serape. On page 47 there is a 1920 outdoor photo of fishery workmen in long-sleeved underwear and other working garb standing among trays of sardines that are drying in the sun. A beach scene at Pacific Grove's Lovers Point is shown on a sunny day in 1898, with beach-goers fully clothed in street attire while children wade in the ocean. A little further on in the book, a 1904 photo shows a Japanese teahouse with gardens at Lovers Point, and, on page 78, two Chinese men and a Chinese woman stand beside a souvenir stand of abalone shells at Pebble Beach near what would be today's Stillwater Cove.

There are many images of Carmel-by-the-Sea — many of them never before published — and some of its artistic colony, including a photo of our early Bohemians, Mary Austin and Jimmy Hopper, obviously taken before hair grooming products were perfected.

These exotic images are a true pleasure to see, and Kim Coventry has done a marvelous service to us by gathering them through local historic sources and from her own pos card collection. Harrison Memorial Library's local histo room and the Monterey Public Library were key suppliers many of the vintage photographs. Kim grew up in Carm Valley, graduated from Carmel High, and went on to win a graduate degree in art history from USC.

It is Kim who creates these history-focused books for Arcadia publishers in Chicago, producers of regional and local interest books. She will be here in Carmel at the Thunderbird Bookshop, The Barnyard, on Tuesday, Dec. 24 for a book signing from 1 to 3 p.m. Retail price of the book is $19.99. Think last minute Christmas gifts! For information, call 624-1803.

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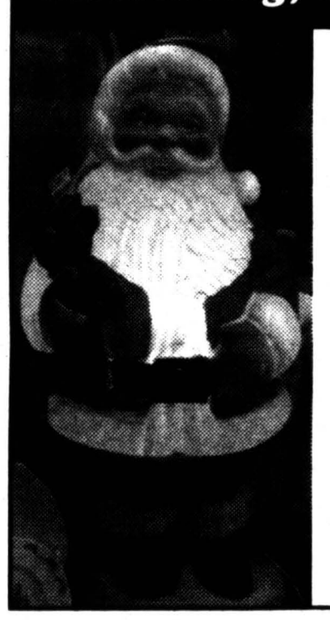
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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Case No. M26107.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Larry Blevins and Cindy A. Busby filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

A. *Present name:* JARED ALLAN BUSBY
Proposed name: JARED ALLAN BLEVINS

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

NOTICE OF HEARING: Jan. 10, 2003, at 9:00 a.m. Dept.: Civ. L&M, The address of the court is 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

A copy of this *Order to Show Cause* shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone, Carmel.

(s) Robert O'Farrell
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: Nov. 25, 2002

Publication dates: Dec. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2002. (PC1201)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20022287. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as: **SILVERSTONE WINES**, 14 Via Las Encinas, Carmel Valley, CA 93924. DANIEL W. KLECK, 14 Las Encinas, Carmel Valley, CA 93924. This business is conducted by a limited liability company. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on Sept. 13, 2002. (s) Daniel W. Kleck, President, Silverstone Wines, LLC. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 7, 2002. Publication dates: Dec. 6, 13, 20, 27, 2002. (PC 1202)

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CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all persons bearing any interest in the matter, that the City Council of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, will conduct a Public Hearing.

SUBJECT: Consideration of Ordinance No. 2003-01 amending Title 15 and Title 17 of the Municipal Code. The ordinance would modify the definition of demolition and establish a new definition for rebuilding. [First Reading].

PURPOSE: To revise the definition of demolition and establish a new definition for rebuilding.
ZONING DISTRICT: ALL
COMPLIANCE WITH CEQA: Exempt
DAY: Tuesday
DATE: January 7, 2003
TIME: 3:30 P.M. or shortly thereafter.

PLACE: The City Council Meeting will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers located on the east side of Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues.

Any court action made pursuant to decisions made by the City on this proposed action may be limited to issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES are invited to attend said Hearing and express opinions or submit evidence for or against the proposal as outlined above.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA.
(s) Karen Crouch, City Clerk
DATED: December 16, 2002

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all persons bearing any interest in the matter, that the City Council of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, will conduct a Public Hearing.

SUBJECT: Consideration of Ordinance No. 2003-02 amending Title 3, chapter 3.12 of the Municipal Code regarding the City's Purchasing System. [First Reading].

PURPOSE: To revise the City's Purchasing System.
ZONING DISTRICT: N/A
COMPLIANCE WITH CEQA: Exempt
DAY: Tuesday
DATE: January 7, 2003
TIME: 3:30 P.M. or shortly thereafter.

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Monday, December 23, 10:00AM

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CLASSIFIED, LEGAL & CALENDAR SUBMISSIONS
Monday, December 30, 10:00AM

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BOOKSHELF

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many of these throughout the book. She discusses spiritual principles and applies them to one's daily life and career objectives.

There is a great deal of practical advice for the student, and even the professional actor. Actress Jane Alexander, former director of the National Endowment for the Arts, says Bild "has written 'The Power of Positive Thinking' for the actor, with many sound training tips and nuggets of good advice throughout."

Essentially, "Acting from a Spiritual Perspective" is a how-to book which suggests how to integrate artistic and professional ambitions with one's humanity. Primarily, it aims at getting actors past the mental and emotional obstacles that prevent them from fulfilling their dreams in their art, their business and their calling. Kathryn Bild will be hosted to a booksigning at 3 p.m. at The Thunderbird Bookshop, Carmel, on Saturday, Dec. 21. For information, call 624-1803.

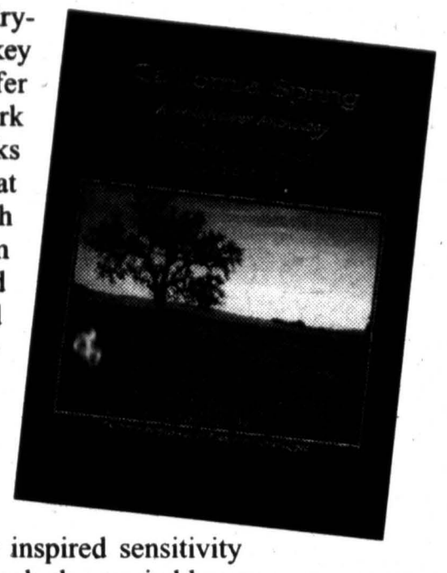
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JOAN BARRETT has resided in Carmel since 1979, following education at Carleton College in Northfield, Minn. and Brown University in Providence, R.I. Moving to the Monterey Peninsula whetted her appetite for hiking, and as a member of a hiking club she became enamored of the scenic beauty she encountered on every side. She learned to capture this beauty with her camera. She experimented, working toward making her photographs look like paintings.

The end result of her efforts is **"California Spring — A Wildflower Anthology"** published by Park Place Publications, Pacific Grove. The 70-page hardcover includes photos of verbena, poppies, lupine, larkspur, alyssum, ceanothus, buttercups, penstemon and so many more wildflowers, and all within glorious settings of dunes, beaches, canyons and coves on the Peninsula.

And she has combined sensitively the color photographs with poems and letter excerpts by such eminent Carmel writers and artists as Dora Hagemeyer, George Sterling, Mary Austin, Charles S. Greene, Robinson Jeffers, Edward Rowland Sill, Ina Coolbrith and many more.

She has juxtaposed photos of sky lupine with Mary Austin's poem, "Wind Song," fairy lanterns with Dora Hagemeyer's "Wild Fairy-Lanterns," sticky monkey flowers with Jennifer Lagier's "Garland Park Processional," sea pinks and Indian paint brush at Pebble Beach with Robinson Jeffers' "From Point Joe," and on and on. Some are reprinted from The Carmel Pine Cone's poetry section.



It is a lovely book, and many of the scenes are breathtaking.

Joan Barrett has done us a favor by her inspired sensitivity and artistic skills. Although she carried her camera on many a hike over the years, her interest waned when she was diagnosed (as was Edward Weston) with Parkinson's Disease.

"California Spring" is available in a limited printing at The Thunderbird Bookshop, Carmel. It retails for $30. For information, call 624-1803.

Answer to This Week's Puzzle

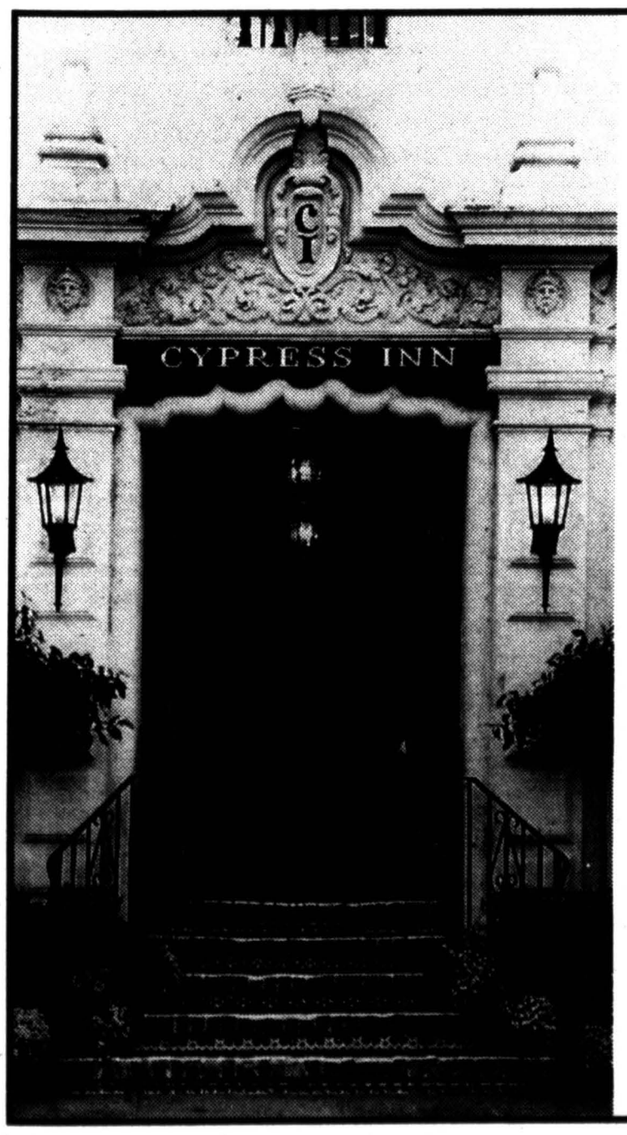
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OPINION

Editorial

Arrogant, arbitrary . . . and rude

IN AN imposing Sacramento courtroom this week, some of this state's most influential citizens argued about whether the California Coastal Commission has too much power.

The impressive, high-stakes debate dealt with complex issues of government — things like the separation of powers, due process, preemption, and gubernatorial prerogatives. Representing an environmental researcher who ran afoul of the commission's permit requirements for his experimental reef off the Newport Beach pier, attorney Ron Zumbrun told the judges that the coastal commission is nothing less than unconstitutional because it has the combined authority to make laws, enforce them, and penalize people who break them — functions which are supposed to be separate to prevent any one group or individual from grabbing too much power.

Throughout the courtroom discussion, there were hints of the abuses that can come from a government agency running amok — arbitrary decisions, favoritism and arrogance.

For some reason, nobody mentioned that one of the coastal commission's biggest failings is that it can be just plain rude.

Last week, the mayor of Carmel-by-the-Sea appeared before the commission to ask it to approve the city's proposed coastal plan — a vital document full of important development rules that will determine the city's future.

As Mayor Sue McCloud spoke, two commissioners seated at the dais were engaged in lengthy conversations on their cell phones.

Not only that, while Carmel's future was on the table, other commissioners wandered out of the room, carried on animated discussions off to the side, greeted acquaintances and engaged in general chit chat. One commissioner even took the opportunity to check her make-up in the mirror. They did everything but pay attention to the important testimony being offered by the mayor and numerous other Carmel residents who made the trip to San Francisco.

At one point, the discussion about the Carmel Land Use Plan had to be halted by the chair because there weren't enough commissioners in the room to maintain a quorum.

It is shocking that some coastal commissioners are so impressed with their own importance, and so assured of their authority, that they don't even pretend to be interested in the fates of people who are compelled to appear before them. Well, here's a bulletin for the California Coastal Commission: Carmel doesn't need your help. This city can take care of its scenery, natural habitat and cultural resources just fine on its own. If coastal commissioners don't want to be bothered with the Carmel LCP, let them rubber stamp the city's version and get it over with. But as long as the commission is intent on dictating land use policies in this town, the least they can do is pay attention.

BATES



"One bicycle, one robot . . . Southeast corner of Torres and Fifth. Got it."

Letters to the Editor

The Pine Cone encourages submission of letters which address issues of public importance. The Pine Cone reserves the right to determine which letters are suitable for publication. Letters should not exceed 350 words, and must include the author's name, telephone number and street address. Please do not send us letters which have been submitted to other newspapers.

The Pine Cone is no longer able to accept letters to the editor by fax. Please submit your letters by U.S. mail, e-mail, or in person (addresses are provided below).

Don't leave trash bins at curb

Dear Editor,

I'd like to correct a misstatement in last week's Pine Cone. A story about our new, commingled recycling collections said Carmel-by-the-Sea residents can leave their old recycling bins on the curb if they don't want to keep them as personal property. That is incorrect. Residents who don't want to keep the bins should place them inside the new, 64-gallon recycling containers after Jan. 1 and the trash collectors will take them away.

Trash containers of any kind should never be left on the city's streets. An ordinance, in fact, has banned such practices for more than 25 years. That ordinance was intended to prevent clutter along the streets, while trash collections were designed to be as convenient as possible.

Residents are to keep trash containers in side yards or back yards for collectors to take to the street, empty and return to the side yards or back yards. Residents who need exceptions to that can call me at City Hall, 620-2000, and I'll set up an appointment with a trash collection supervisor to see what can be worked out

Greg D'Ambrosio,
Assistant City Administrator, Carmel-by-the-Sea

Hatton Canyon should remain a park

Dear Editor,

For the past 20 years, I have enjoyed walking the beautiful riparian wetlands of Carmel's Hatton Canyon. That's 19 more years than a recent letter-writer in your paper. I have seen many others during those walks; like myself, they were happy to be in the pristine outdoors, getting away from the rush of life's traffic.

I enthusiastically threw my support behind the Hatton Canyon Coalition, and was overjoyed when the canyon was spared that monstrous freeway. I know personally of three families that have moved away from the Monterey Peninsula because its "unique

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LETTERS

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charm and character" was being eroded by development after development. (Remember what Asilomar Beach used to look like before the obnoxious sediment run-off of Spanish Bay?)

Progress is progress, and seldom does it take a back seat to Earth's natural wonders. Now is the time to say (once again), "Leave Hatton Canyon alone." It is vital to this area's splendor — as anyone who visits me knows. A walk in the canyon is a must-stop, not a must drive-thru!

Fred Keeley fought hard with many others (Roger Larson, Skip Lloyd, Joyce Stevens, Gary Tate, Darby Worth, et. al) to prevent the Hatton Canyon from becoming a 'concrete jungle.' I believe it should remain a state park.

Michael Lojkovic, *Carmel*

Who is a 'neighbor'?

Dear Editor,

In reply to Geoff Johnston's letter printed in The Pine Cone on Dec. 13: Most of the residents in the area of the Carmel River Lagoon have neither endorsed nor opposed the idea of a floodwall, taking a wait-and-see posture.

However, since Johnston appears to be a frugal man, it is probably prudent of him to come out early in opposition. Early cost estimates hover around $5 million for construction alone, including pumping stations to take care of street runoff and backup generators in case of power outages during a storm. You can move a lot of sand for $5 million.

I must say, though, that I find his sink-or-swim attitude toward me and my neighbors very hurtful and sincerely hope it isn't shared by most of Carmel. He complains that "we, the taxpayers" are asked to pay for solutions to "their" problems. Most of the folks in this neighborhood are long-term Carmel residents, mostly retired, some World War II veterans. We all love Carmel and consider ourselves part of this community. Who, precisely, are "we" and who are "they"? Perhaps Johnston has fallen into the fashionable habit of defining Carmel by drawing rectangles on a map. Why not draw a circle which includes all your neighbors regardless of their geometry?

Diana Reynolds, Carmel

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City's centennial kicks off 2003 with a bang

By TAMARA GRIPPI

ORGANIZERS OF Carmel's centennial celebration announced their first big event to kick off a year full of festivities saluting "100 Years in Paradise." The kickoff party will be at La Playa Hotel Jan 23.

While all Carmelites are invited, only the first 150 to RSVP to the event by sending a $5 check to Carmel City Hall will be able to attend the early evening party

The Centennial Steering Committee, appointed by Carmel Mayor Sue McCloud to create a year's worth of celebrations in 2003, met Dec. 18 to put the finishing touches on its plans for the inaugural party.

The committee, which has spent the last six months brainstorming, plans to unveil its ideas for a series of special events held throughout 2003 at the Jan. 23 event.

"We want to showcase our plan and hopefully bring more people on board," said Christie Miller, recreation director for the city.

"This is a chance for the town to begin to come together and celebrate," said committee member Nicki McMahan.

The centennial will celebrate 1903 — the year Frank Devendorf and Frank Powers began building in Carmel. (The city was incorporated in 1916.)

"100 Years in Paradise" poster

Carmel artist William F. Stone created a commemorative "100 Years in Paradise" poster, capturing some of the city's most beloved historical buildings, including Sunset Center.

Organizers also plan to incorporate the reopening of the newly renovated Sunset Center into their plans.

Stone will be on hand at the Jan. 23 kickoff party to sign copies of his limited-edition poster, available for $10. Just 500 prints of Stone's painting will be made.

The committee is also in the midst of printing 20,000 copies of a brochure offering a comprehensive look at Carmel's history, touching on the Ohlones, Vizcaino's expedition, the founding of the Carmel Mission, the Bohemian artists and the collaboration of builders Devendorf and Powers.

The committee hopes the brochure will provide a handy source of Carmel's colorful history for 2003 and beyond.

"We hope it's going to be around a while," said McMahan, who researched and wrote the brochure.

Also in the works for this year is an exhibit of Carmel's memorabilia, historic photographs and other artifacts, to be shown at the Marjory Evans Gallery at Sunset Center.

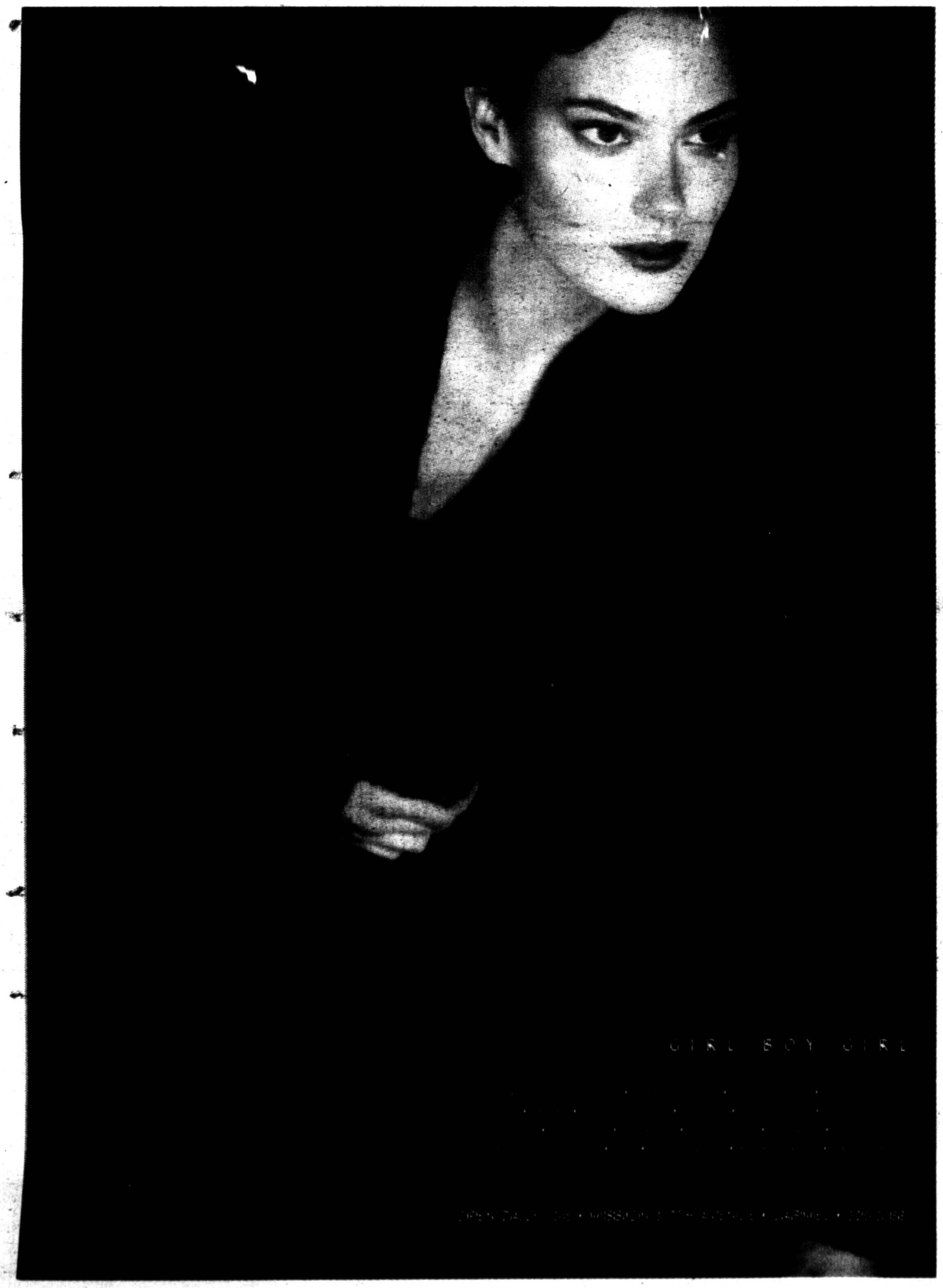
"My dream is that this could form the nucleus of a city museum," said McMahan.

The steering committee is recruiting locals and community groups to help plan for the year's events. Members hope Ocean Avenue businesses will put together historical displays capturing the ever-changing history of Carmel's downtown.

The group is also hoping the community will come through with contributions to take care of much of the cost of the events. First National Bank has already donated $500. La Playa is providing complimentary hors d'oeuvres for the Jan. 23 event.

Marian and Glenn Leidig are honorary co-chairs of the centennial committee. Other members include: chairman Buzz Hoever, Pat Sippel, Nicki McMahan, Sarah Berling, Erik Bethel, Lou Ungaretti, Mia McKee, Kay Prine and Erling Lagerholm.

To reserve a spot for the Jan. 23 party at La Playa, which will be held from 5 to 7 p.m., send $5 to the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea, P.O. Box CC, Carmel, CA 93921.



Sandy Claws



PHOTO & STORY BY MARGOT PETIT NICHOLS

TANNA WERMUTH, 12, puts everyone she encounters in a good mood with her infectious smile.

A yellow Lab, Tanna can be seen walking along Scenic Road in the mornings with her Dad Ray five to seven days a week. She no longer walks on the beach or even on the walking path due to an unseemly incident with an Akita some time ago. So Dad's not taking any chances.

Sturdy, energetic and friendly, Tanna belies her 12 years, keeping sharp and in shape retrieving game bagged by Dad. They go hunting together for ducks in the Los Banos area and pigeons at Chews Gap during the season. Dad Ray made clear he brings down only game that he can prepare and eat. Tanna was taught to retrieve by Dad, who said her natural instincts really were there from the start; he helped develop them and taught her the rudiments of obeying commands, which she does so happily, smiling.

Dad Ray has had seven dogs in his life, and Tanna is one of the few he has known who isn't wild about cars or car trips. Yet being the good sport she is, she acquiesces with good grace to their hunting excursions in the family car.

Tanna smiled a friendly goodbye to us as we returned to the walking path. Down on the beach the high tide had brought in many of those little sea creatures so beloved of seagulls who were out in great number having a breakfast feast.



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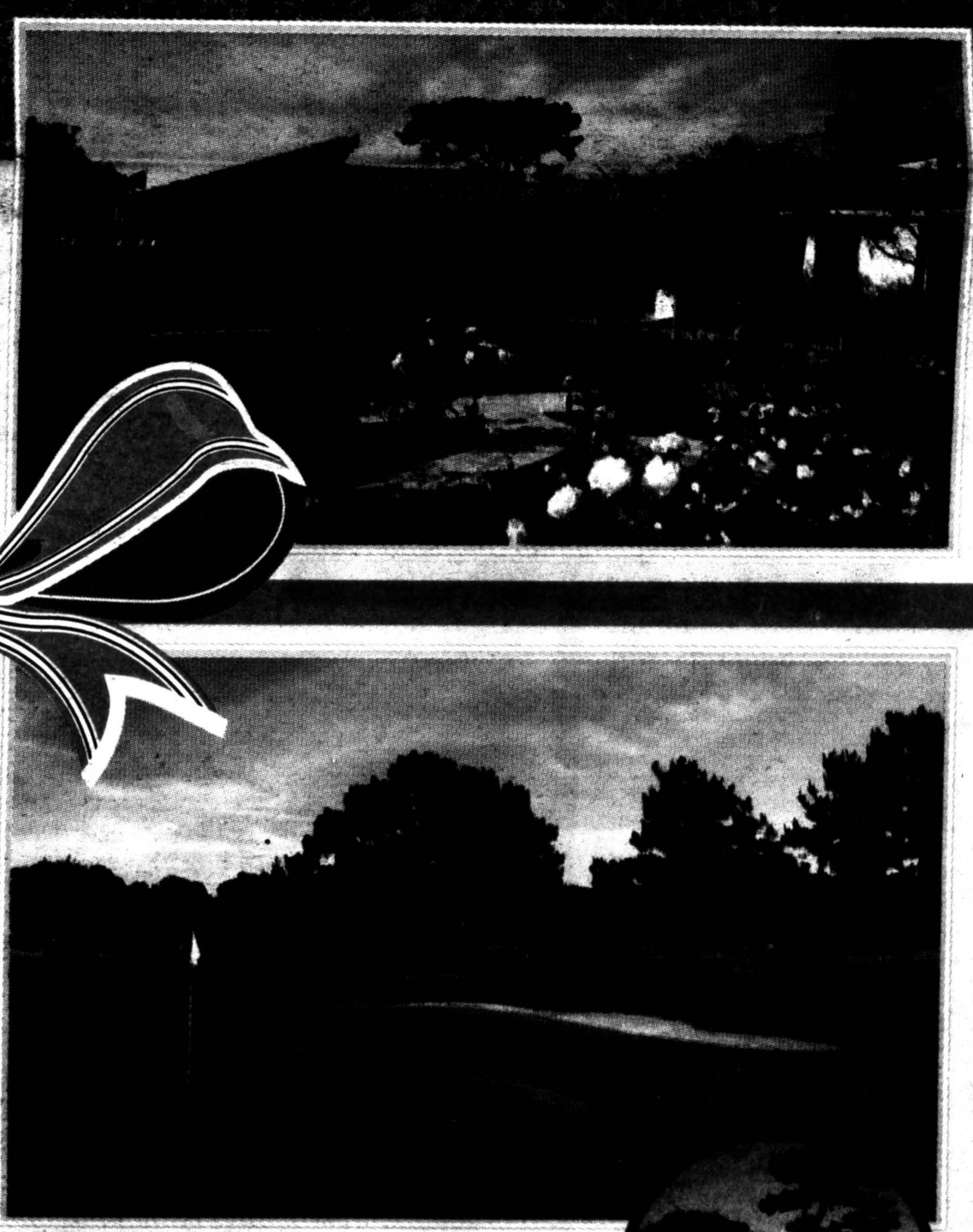
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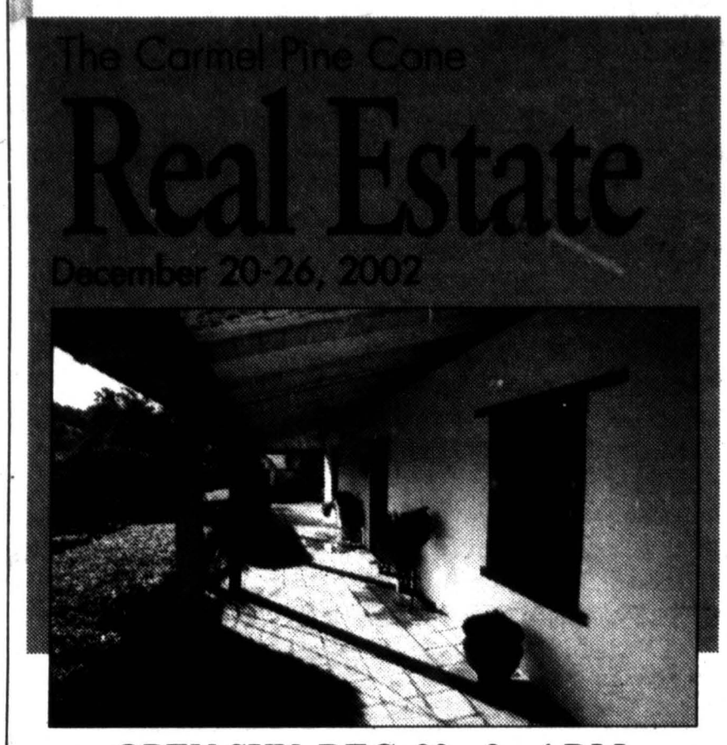
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DRAMATIC LANDMARK ADOBE ESTATE

1224 Castro Road, Monterey

This historic Spanish adobe residence exemplifies the style: original limestone flooring, wide downward slanting window ledges, and a rose-laden courtyard. This home is a Monterey Peninsula landmark. It was part of the original land grant from the King of Spain to General Jose Castro and later purchased by the Jacks family. This 3,000 sq. ft. residence started out as a single room adobe in the early 1800's which makes for a dramatic living room with hand-hewn beams, limestone floors, 2 ft. thick adobe walls and fireplace. Updated and expanded, this level, one acre ,walled estate has 3 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, formal dining room, a large family kitchen with fireplace and a wide-open vista across Del Monte golf course, the oldest course west of the Mississippi. Offered at $1,495,000.

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3556 Taylor Rd $1,185,000
Gerald C Traynor to Gail Gereghty

CARMEL - SOUTH COAST

Coastlands $834,000
Charles A & Marsha S Croninger to Charles A & Marsha S Croninger

CARMEL VALLEY

44 Terrace Wy $800,000
Thomas C White III to Howard & Susan Press
21 Hacienda Carmel $290,000
Marie J Johnson to Thomas C White III
25065 Outlook Dr $750,000
Maureen Lejeune Harty to Zoltan D Denes
10 Calle De La Paloma $410,000
Randy Schnackenberg to Vincent Joseph & Janice L Arcaro

PEBBLE BEACH

1133 Wildcat Cyn Rd $857,000
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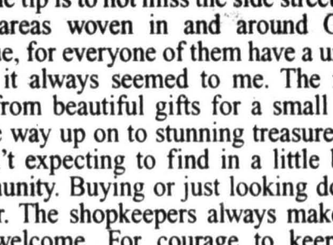
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Tim Allen & Greg Linder
present
"Carmel Legends"

The shopper's best guide in Carmel is that there is no guide. Everywhere, and in every window, is a surprise waiting. We supposed this is because of the eclectic range of things to buy that people create in Carmel retail shops. Many of the shop owners have been artists themselves, and handmade items you perhaps never saw before are found there in its shopping district.

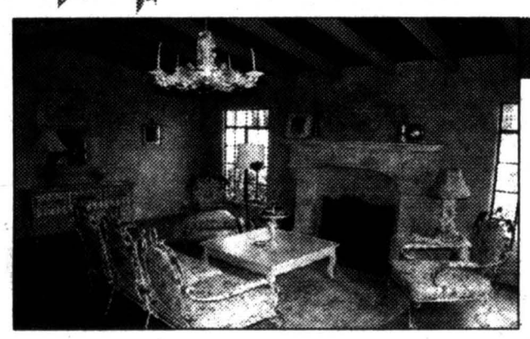
One tip is to not miss the side streets and little areas woven in and around Ocean Avenue, for everyone of them have a unique shop, it always seemed to me. The range runs from beautiful gifts for a small price all the way up on to stunning treasures you weren't expecting to find in a little beach community. Buying or just looking doesn't matter. The shopkeepers always make you feel welcome. For courage to keep you going, there's always a little place wedged in between the shops to stop for food and drink. Shopping unavoidably often really means eating and drinking and dragging unexpected groceries home with you. The time always seems to be there for you, and the moments can be so sweet.

We found it tough to avoid buying flowers when walking down Carmel's streets, not to mention the wild array of things you never thought you needed but now appear to be necessary for your happiness...for the garden, for the home, for a gift, not to mention the clothing shops that make your eyes bulge. Finally, there is a lighthearted humor to it all. A shopkeeper's front door when we first moved to Carmel a long time ago had a sign reading: "Hours: Open When We're Open. Closed When We're Closed." That's the saucy Carmel style for a shopper's paradise.



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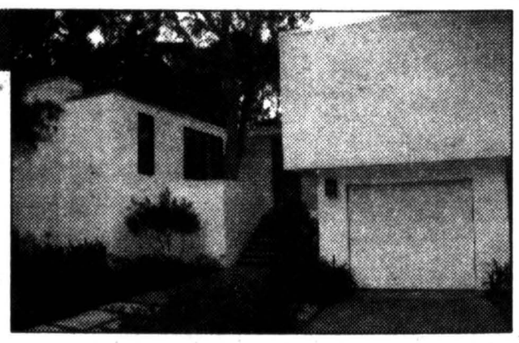
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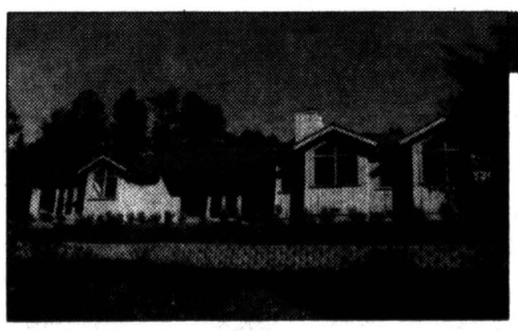
PRICE JUST REDUCED!

Remember childhood visits to the family beach house? Relive them in this fabulous remodeled Carmel beach house found just steps from Carmel Beach. From the Carmel stone pathway leading to the cottage style home to the ocean view living room you are sent back in time. Sleep to the sounds of the surf in the master suite with vintage bath or in the guest room. Buy now and start collecting seashells... $1,995,000

SPACE & TRANQUILITY-BY-THE-SEA

Within the Golden Rectangle and in the original rich tradition of Carmel's valuing of diverse architecture, this house with its Bauhaus and minimalist influences was designed to offer an experience of the movement of light throughout the day and the seasons. This dynamic tri-level 2 bedroom, 2 bath home with its sense of privacy has a spacious entry, large living room with fireplace and a formal dining room. $1,695,000





DRAMATIC OCEAN VIEW DREAM HOME

Watch sparkling sea vistas, waves and whales from all the major rooms in this dramatic new single level 3 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath Carmel Highlands home! Top craftsmanship and the finest appointments are featured in the approx. 3300 square foot home featuring limestone floors, maple cabinets, granite kitchen counters and a fabulous ocean view master suite. This dream home is just minutes from Carmel and the famous Highlands Inn. $2,595,000

SOPHISTICATED CARMEL OCEAN VIEW RESIDENCE

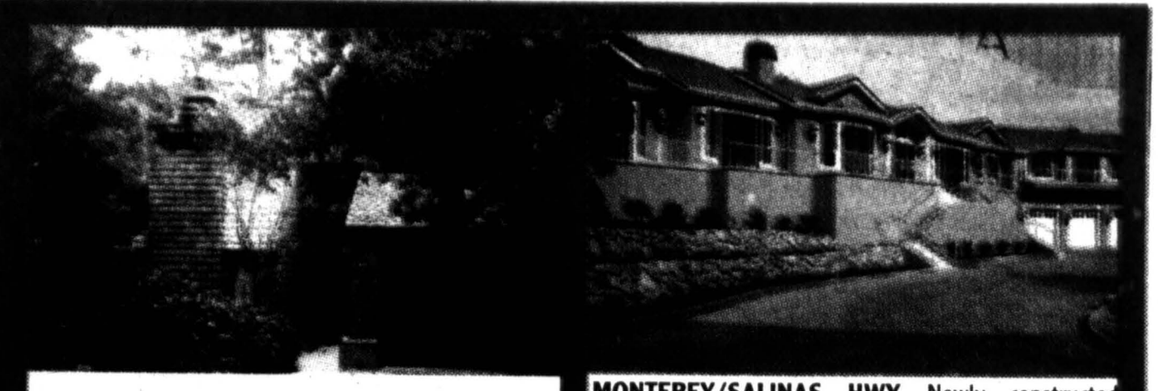
Sausalito comes to Carmel in this sophisticated 3 bedroom, 2 bath ocean view Carmel home. Designed by renowned architect, Henry Hill in 1970, this contemporary home boasts dramatic ocean views and fabulous sunsets from its serene living room, formal dining room, cozy master suite and lots of sun decks! Conveniently close to shops, the beach and everything you love about living in Carmel. $1,195,000



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$1,395,000 **624-6482**

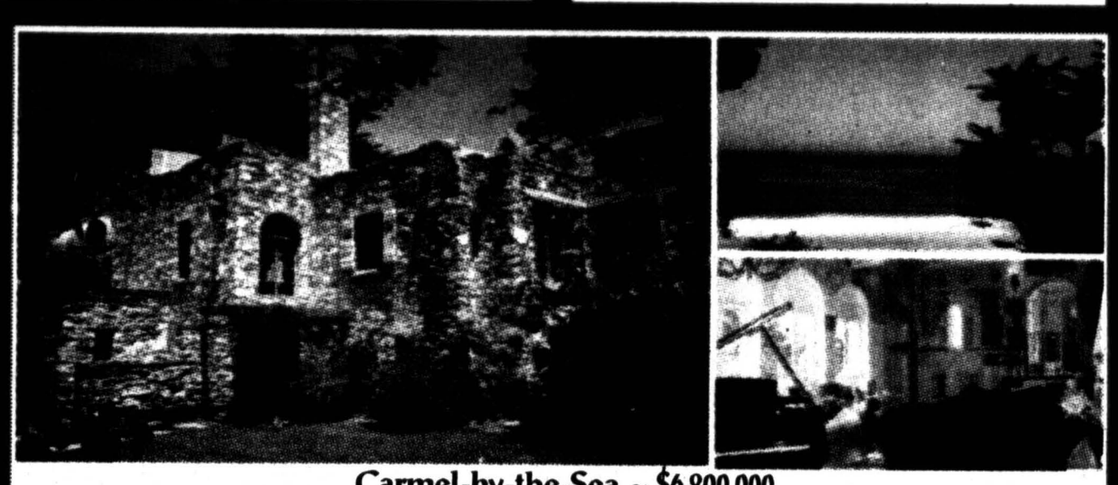
MONTEREY/SALINAS HWY—Newly constructed craftsman style home overlooking the golf course at Tehema, in the exclusive gated community of Monterra Ranch. Elegance and sophistication best describe this masterpiece featuring alder wood doors outfitted with Rocky Mountain hardware, cherry wood and limestone floors and a gourmet kitchen with black granite countertops. Enjoy panoramic mountain and valley views and many other amenities too numerous to mention.

$3,195,000 **659-2267**



PACIFIC GROVE—Ocean views abound from this well maintained light, bright and spacious two-story home offering three bedrooms and four and one half baths in a prime location. Walk to the beach or town from this great corner lot with expansive ocean views looking south to Point Joe and north across Asilomar dunes to Santa Cruz.

$2,425,000 **646-2120**



Carmel-by-the-Sea ~ $6,800,000

Historical Mediterranean Masterpiece, set in Carmel Stone steps from Carmel Beach. Situated on three lots, graciously landscaped with privacy walls encompassing two courtyards. Entertain alfresco in the courtyard with outdoor fireplace and fountain. Features include: four bedrooms, five baths, an unbelievable wine cellar, a writer's loft, newly remodeled gourmet kitchen, artist's studio, three fireplaces, panoramic views, spacious verandas, and interior frescos. A Rare Opportunity.

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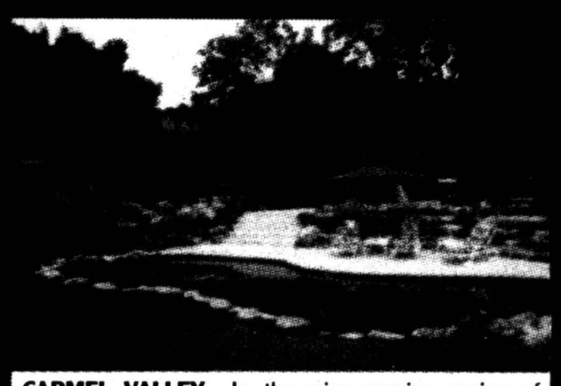
CARMEL—This elegant home is traditionally finished with impeccable taste. In superb condition, it features three bedrooms, three baths, three fireplaces and a cozy, walk-in wet bar. The private guest bedroom wing opens to a luxurious courtyard and gardens. Light and bright inside with beautifully manicured, mature landscaping outside, this classically attractive home is at once warm and comfortable with a sophisticated feeling.

$1,650,000 **624-6482**



CARMEL—This charming four bedroom, three and one half bath home is on a large corner lot south of Ocean Avenue. Just blocks to town and the beach, the home offers a fabulous Carmel stone patio surrounded by lush gardens, large living room with hardwood floors and stone fireplace, formal dining room and kitchen with breakfast area overlooking the delightful backyard.

$2,800,000 **624-6482**



CARMEL VALLEY—In the wine-growing region of Cachagua is this amazing thirteen plus acre country estate with boutique Merlot vineyard. The casual, yet elegant home of three bedrooms and two and one half bath plus artist's studio is surrounded by lush landscaping and gorgeous valley views. Rock waterfall, swimming pool, re-circulating stream, gardens, fruit trees, and hundreds of roses. Three car garage with workshop.

$1,795,000 **659-2267**



PEBBLE BEACH—Newly completed estate with guest quarters! On a level 2/3 acre lot on a desirable street near the Lodge is this fabulous four bedroom home with a completely renovated one bedroom guest apartment. A total of six fireplaces! There is a large den plus media room, separate office and a three car garage. This "Slaybaugh" project has the latest colors, finishes and appliances!

$3,125,000 **624-0136**



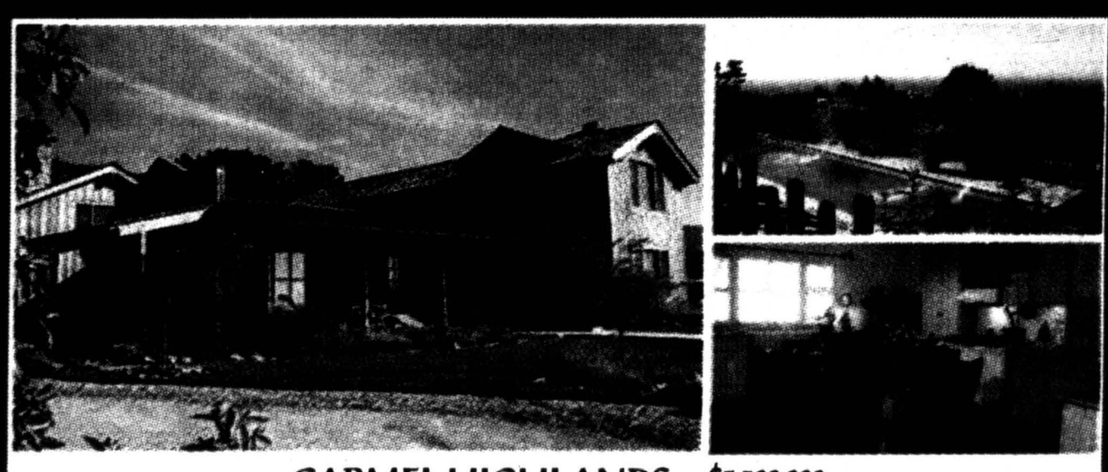
CARMEL VALLEY—Overlooking the second fairway at Carmel Valley Ranch, is this fabulously remodeled 2,700 sq. ft. condo that offers the size and feel of a home! Four bedrooms, four baths, a loft, fully remodeled kitchen, expansive master suite, marble and granite throughout, plantation shutters and so much more. Two-car garage with workshop. An absolutely lovely front patio welcomes you home to the valley sunshine!

$1,285,000 **659-2267**



PEBBLE BEACH—Elevated privately along 17 Mile Drive, this gracious residence by Robert Lamb Hart warmly welcomes you at first sight. Spectacular gardens and sheltered patios invite indoor-outdoor living. Four suites plus separate guest house are perfect for family or hosting a visiting foursome. Some of the many amenities include gourmet kitchen, formal living and dining rooms, large office/den, built-in audio/video systems and five garage bays.

$9,500,000 **624-0136**



CARMEL HIGHLANDS ~ $5,300,000

Eight miles south of Carmel on Highway One is where you will find this coastal homestead with turn of the century charm and present day amenities. Offering a main house, guest house, lap pool, corral, riding arena, stable and artist's studio all situated upon six acres exhibiting an old west motif. Visual treats abound from the mountainous backdrop to the spectacular ocean views.

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PACIFIC GROVE—Golf course views from this three bedroom, two bath home just blocks to ocean and town. Completely updated and in move-in condition, this home offers a flowing floor plan, vaulted ceiling, living room with fireplace, hardwood floors and a one car garage. A completely landscaped and fenced yard with private decking, perfect for entertaining.

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MONTEREY—Feel at home in this well-kept three bedroom, two bath home in a convenient New Monterey location close to shopping, restaurants, DLI and Cannery Row. Amenities include deluxe custom cabinets in the den, new windows and coverings, fireplace insert in the living room, outdoor spa and a wonderfully secluded patio garden off the master bedroom.

$599,000 **646-2120**



PEBBLE BEACH—A perfect combination of location, privacy, quality design and construction, ocean/beach/golf course views and guest house! Gated and hidden from view, this Will Shaw designed home was remodeled last year by John Matthams, in a park-like, oak-studded setting. Vaulted, beamed ceilings, spacious redwood decking and patios with spectacular views. All this and a "to die for" separate ocean view guesthouse cottage.

$5,850,000 **624-0136**

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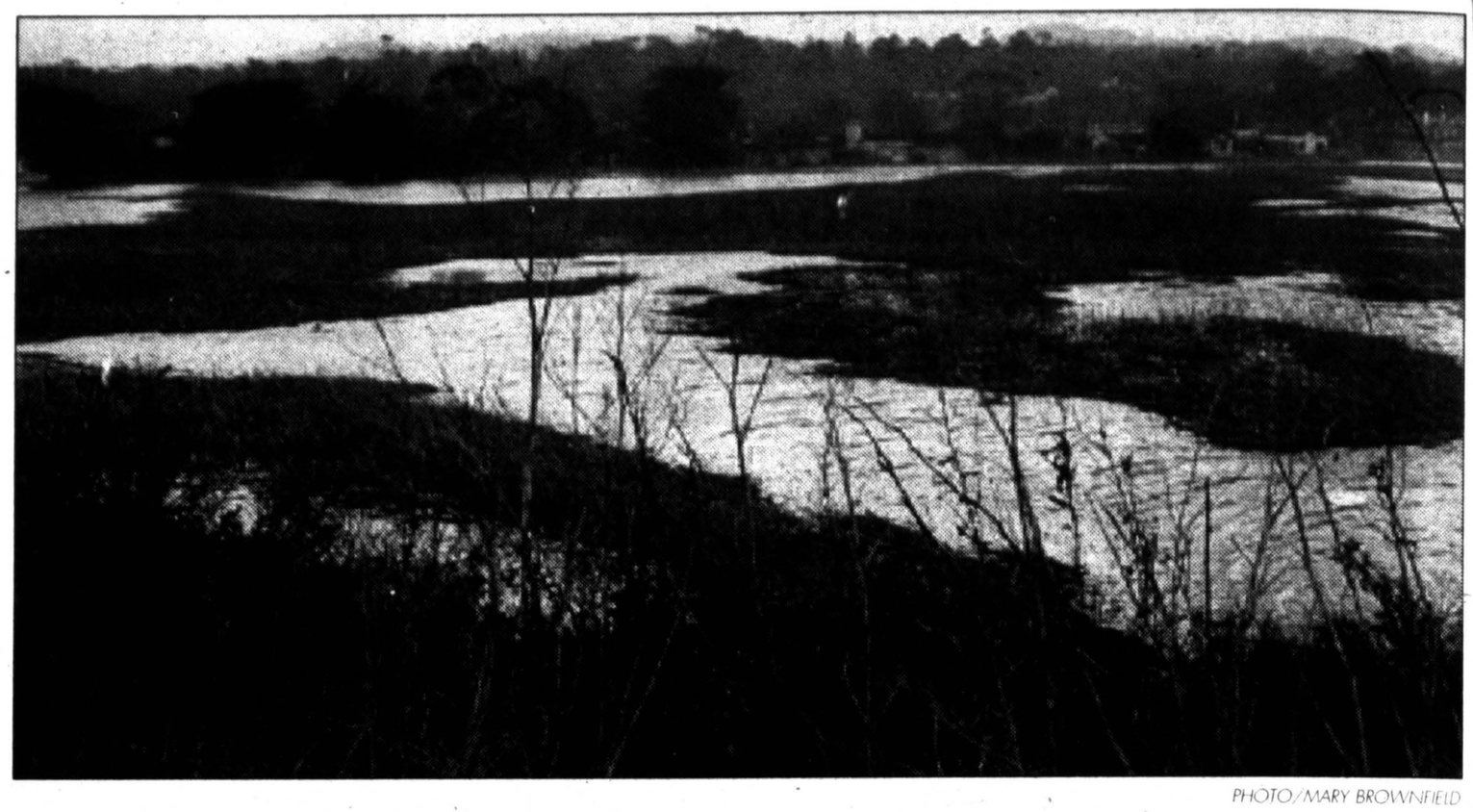
LAGOON

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"We need to be informed, make our voices heard and bring an end to the stalemate and attendant anxiety surrounding present lagoon management," Reynolds said during a recent presentation to the Carmel River Watershed Council, which his group subsequently joined.

The watershed council puts the homeowners in touch with all sorts of people interested in the future of the Carmel River, including environmentalists, recreational users, steelhead rescuers and people who live along its banks.

Because the lagoon is owned by the state, and because a threatened species depends on it for survival, the Lagoon is regulated by numerous government agencies: Monterey County, the National Marine Fisheries Service, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the California Department of Fish and Game, the California Department of Parks and Recreation and the California Coastal Commission.



PHOTO/MARY BROWNFIELD

Heavy rains filled the Carmel River Lagoon to the brim this week — once again raising the debate over how best to protect homeowners and fish alike.

The county has continued to bulldoze the sandbar between the brimming lagoon and the ocean on an emergency basis, even though it has never gotten state or federal permits for the work. But HELM members plan to push for a more reliable solution that will relieve them from worrying about their homes during every heavy rain.

They have already discussed several new ways to manage the lagoon, including the building floodwall proposed by Alan Williams, controlling the height of the sandbar during storms, installing an inflatable dam or other barrier at the mouth of the river to control flow, or dredging the lagoon.

"We're the advocates for doing something about it one way or the other," Reynolds said. "The point is to get a voice for the homeowners, which have been sort of fragmented."

Finding a long-term solution is just what the regulatory agencies want, according to Kevan Urquhart, biologist for the California Department of Fish and Game. But the federal and state agencies are waiting on the county to come forward with some ideas that can be evaluated in an environmental impact report and ultimately permitted.

"We are all asking for another method," Urquhart said. "If the county's going to ask for permission to keep breaching, it needs to prove under CEQA that the other methods won't work."

Without the benefit of thorough analysis, Urquhart favors a floodwall separating the lagoon waters from the homes nearby — which he said were allowed to be built in the flood plain because of bad zoning.

"Both federal and state agencies think the floodwall is the best alternative because it's passive: It goes in, allows the lagoon to operate like it should, and if you have a year where the beach sand builds up way too high, no agency would have a problem giving the county a permit to sculpt the sand down," he said.

Urquhart also said runoff could be handled with sumps, a practice commonly employed in the Central Valley and other areas where dikes, levees and floodwalls are used.

He criticized the county for being slow to identify alternative solutions and said the agencies could step in and arrest county workers every time they bulldoze the sandbar without a permit, but that waiting for the county to work on a solution makes more sense.

"We can get away with waiting if people are moving forward in a constructive manner, but there's been minimal forward progress," he said. "The key message is somebody needs to come up with a win-win solution. Nobody's going to get whatever they want — homeowners might lose part of their open views of the lagoon," he said, while the fish might not get everything they need, either.

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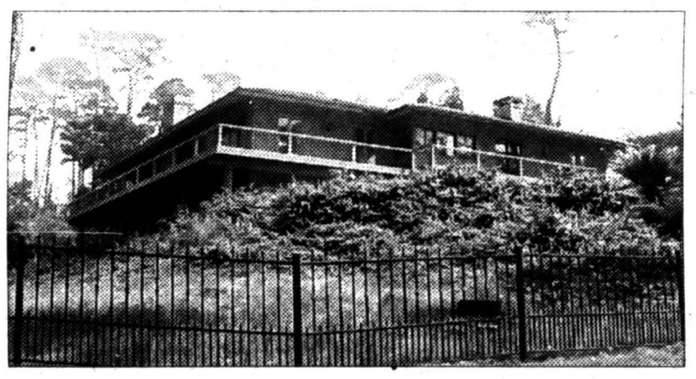


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Great Location - Only Minutes From Downtown Monterey

This cute home was remodeled 6 years ago and sits on over 1/2 acre of beautifully landscaped surroundings where a fountain, plus a spa, invites outdoor entertaining! Carpet and tile throughout, numerous skylights, and a kitchen full of beautiful wood cabinetry make this 2BD/2BA, plus detached home office, a property not to be missed by any serious buyer! **$729,000**



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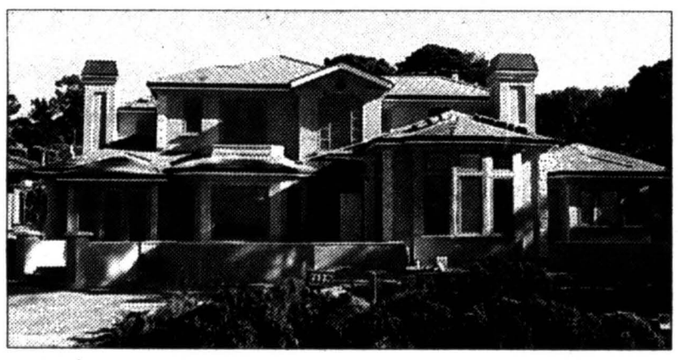
Cypress Dunes & Ocean Views

Set high on a hill at the end of a quiet lane, this estate residence enjoys a panorama of ocean views. This 4 bedroom, 4.5 bath over 5,000 sf. home creates a marvelous environment of comfort & privacy and a welcoming setting for entertaining. Exceptionally appointed with high ceilings, spacious & open rooms throughout, guest quarters and a wrap-around view balcony. This home creates an ambience and quality hard to compare. $4,550,000.

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Offering a quality & design to match the spectacular views, this marvelous home will be a delight and surprise at every turn and in every room. Currently being finished to perfection & designer standards, it will feature an exquisite selection of stone flooring & counters, wood moldings & niches, appliances & technology throughout the spacious rooms and cozy sitting areas. A masterpiece & landmark in the making. $4,495,000.





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Best Value in the Estates

Located a short distance above the Lodge on 1.2 acres, this 5 bedroom, 3 bath California ranch style home is an opportunity in waiting. Commanding a great presence on the lot, with solid construction and a traditional floor plan, this well addressed home is exceptionally poised for cosmetic modernization or an architectural transformation into a great estate. Offered at $2,100,000.



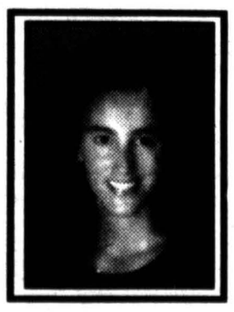


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Water district gains authority over more Carmel Valley wells

By MARY BROWNFIELD

A NEW law granting the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District control over wells drilled in the Carmel River Watershed will take effect next month, the MPWMD Board of Directors ruled this week.

The board also decided applicants should pay for the staff time required to process the permits, raising well permit fees from the current $1,400 to $2,450 or more (if the application demands more than 35 hours).

Ordinance 105 — first adopted by the board in November — modifies the April 2001 law that granted the water district permitting powers over single-user wells and other small water systems near the Carmel River and within 1,000 feet of its tributaries. The new law subjects thousands more parcels to the district's scrutiny, most with no other way to get water than from their own wells. Since 1995, wells drilled in the area have accounted for only 3 percent of the water pumped from the watershed, according to project manager Henrietta Stern.

While just four well permits were issued since the previous ordinance took effect, Stern anticipated the new law could boost that number to 25 a year — too much for current water district staff to handle without setting aside other responsibilities, such as working on a new water supply. Processing all those permit applications could cost about $80,000 a year — money not provided for in the budget, according to Stern.

She suggested the costs be handed down to applicants.

The open-ended fee structure also will "encourage submittal of complete materials," Stern said. "If we have to do their homework for them, it takes us more time and costs them more money."

After scant public comment and little discussion, director Zan Henson made a motion to approve the new rules. He said the increased costs were justified by the extensive information required for well permits — including landowners' proof they have the right to use the water under their land.

Henson was joined by Molly Erickson, Kris Lindstrom, Judi Lehman and Dave Potter in voting yes on the well permit ordinance.



David Pendergrass and Alvin Edwards opposed it, with Edwards saying the permit fees were too high.

"That's a lot of money and a lot of pain to a lot of people on single parcels."

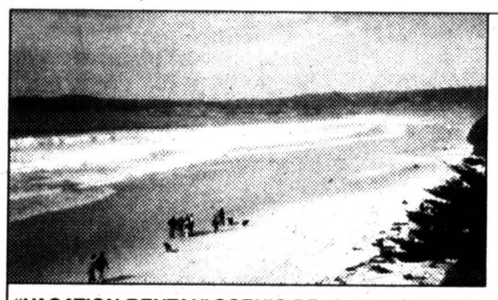
CAL-AM

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Dickhaut offered no assurance that $136 million would be enough for a hostile takeover through eminent domain, and also wouldn't venture to say how much that legal battle might cost. Further rate increases could be used to raise more money for the takeover battle — up to $387 million if water prices were doubled, he said.

After receiving Dickhaut's report at the Dec. 16 board meeting, Henson — who pursued the Cal-Am takeover just two weeks after voters said the district should be disbanded — suggested the board table the matter for the time being.

But that does not mean the idea is dead. Henson said he would like to gather information on other communities that have taken over their water companies and learn how much they spent.



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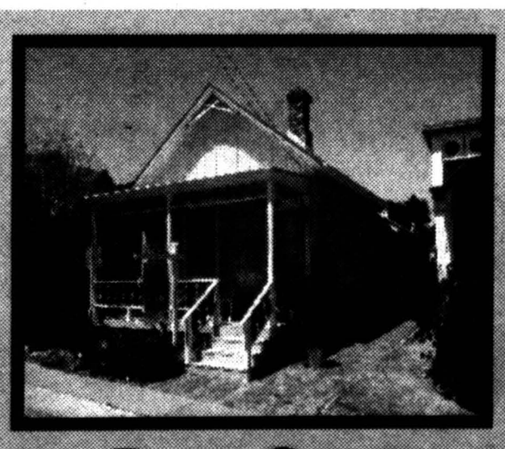
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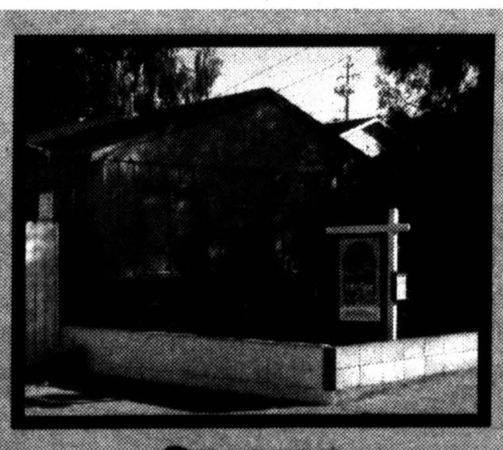
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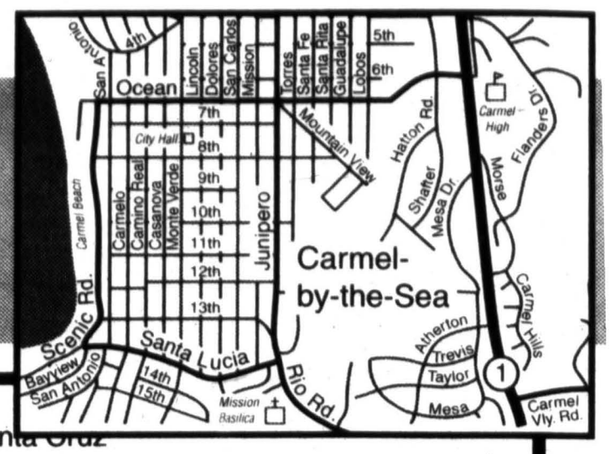
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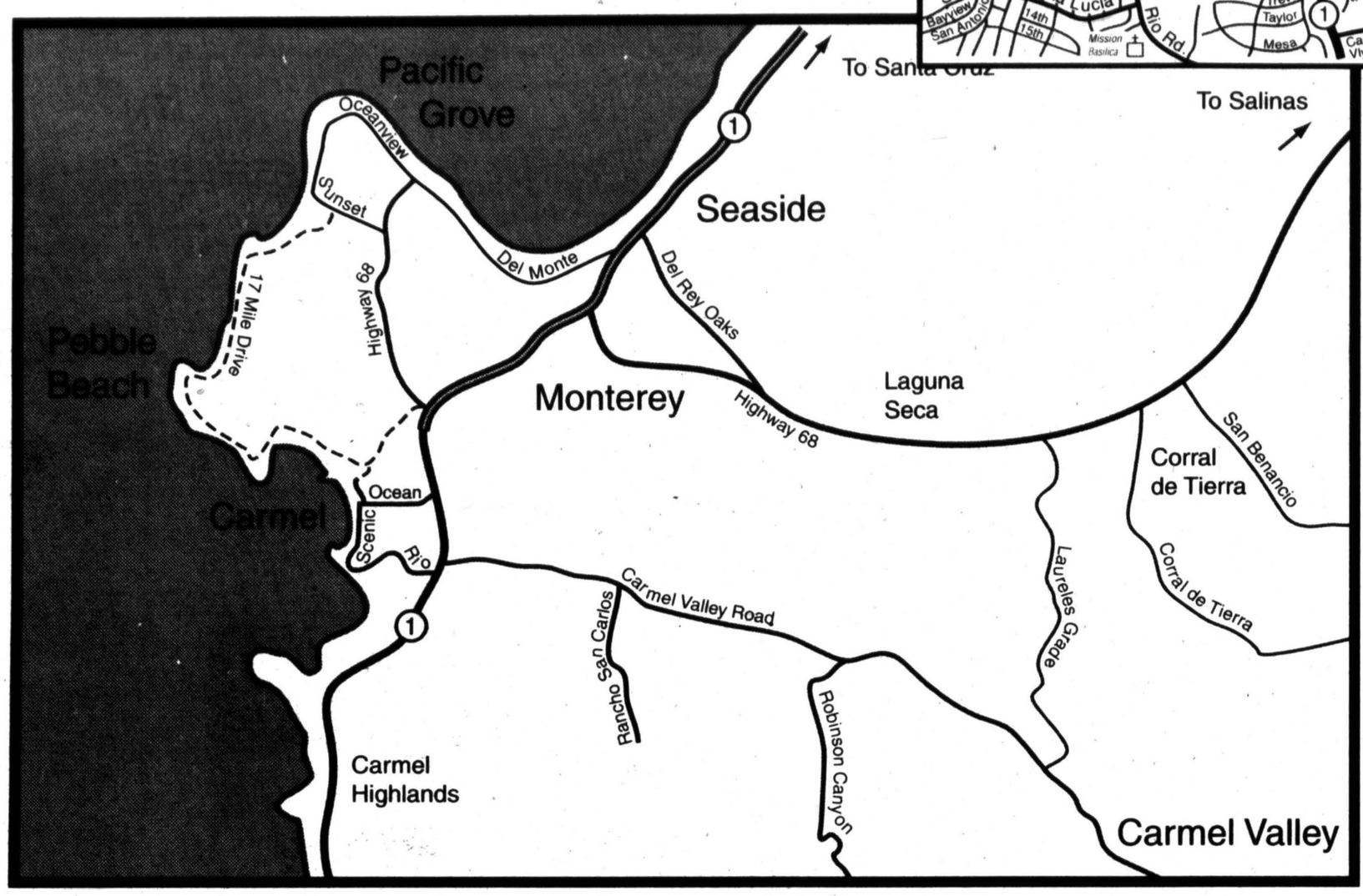


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27994 Mercurio (R/C)		Carmel Valley
John Saar Properties		622-7227

LAS PALMAS

$975,000	**5bd 3.5ba**	**Sa 2-4 Su 1-3**
26133 Legends		Las Palmas
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MONTEREY

$779,000	**4bd 2.5ba**	**Sa 2:30-4:30**
2 Forest Vale Place		Monterey
The Mitchell Group		646-2120
$1,050,000	**3bd 2.5ba**	**Su 2:30-4:30**
6 Huckleberry Court		Monterey
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$1,499,000	**3bd 3.5ba+acre**	**Su 2-4**
1224 Castro Rd (R/C)		Monterey
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MTRY./SALINAS HWY..

$1,049,000	**3bd 3ba**	**Su 12-2**
189 Pine Canyon		Mtry/Sins Hwy
The Mitchell Group		659-2267
$1,295,000	**4bd 4ba**	**Sa 2-4**
26421 Lucie Lane (R/C)		Mtry/Sins Hwy
John Saar Properties		622-7227
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25493 Paseo de Cumbre		Mtry/Sins Hwy
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105 Via Del Milagro		Mtry/Sins Hwy
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$559,000	**2bd 1ba**	**Sa 1-4**
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1334 Lincoln		Pacific Grove
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908 Laurie Cir		Pacific Grove
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142 14th St		Pacific Grove
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222
$795,000	**3bd 2.5ba**	**Sa 12-2:30**
306 6th St		Pacific Grove
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$895,000	**2bd 2ba**	**Sa Su 1:30-3**
1023 Balboa Ave (R/C)		Pacific Grove
The Mitchell Group		646-2120

PEBBLE BEACH

$825,000	**3bd 3ba**	**Sa Su 1-4**
14 Shepherd's Knoll (R/C)		Pebble Beach
The Mitchell Group		624-6482
$1,175,000	**3bd 2.5ba**	**Su 2-4**
3036 Valdez		Pebble Beach
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1651 Crespi		Pebble Beach
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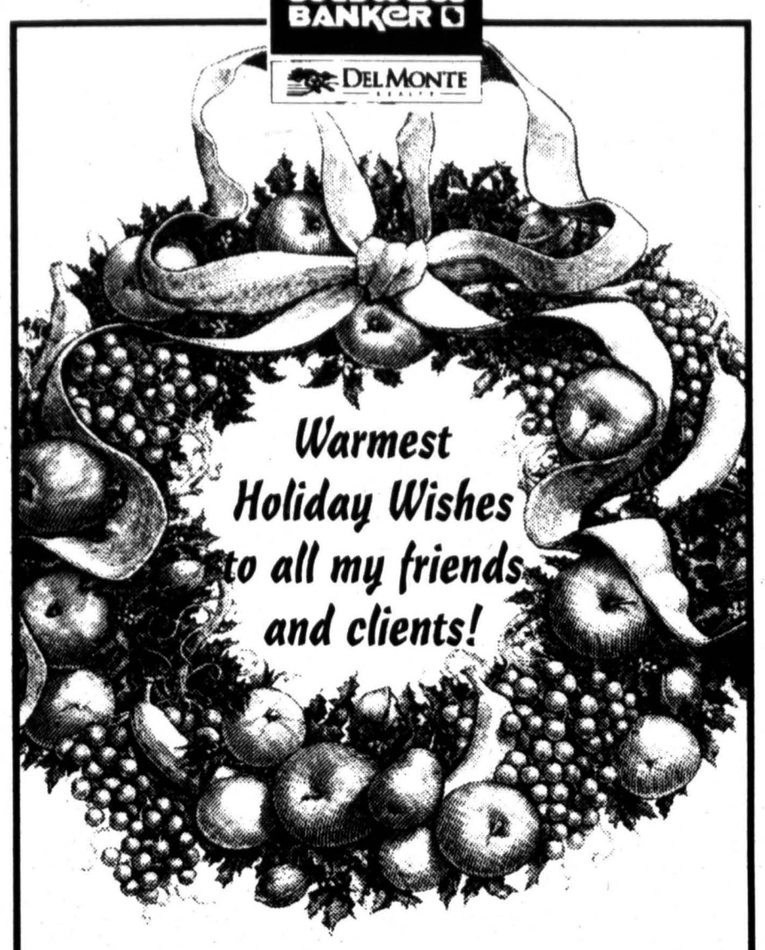
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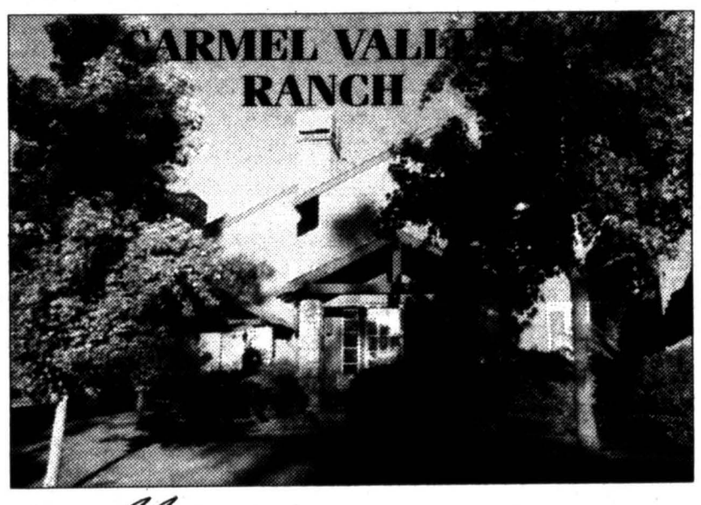
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256 El Caminito

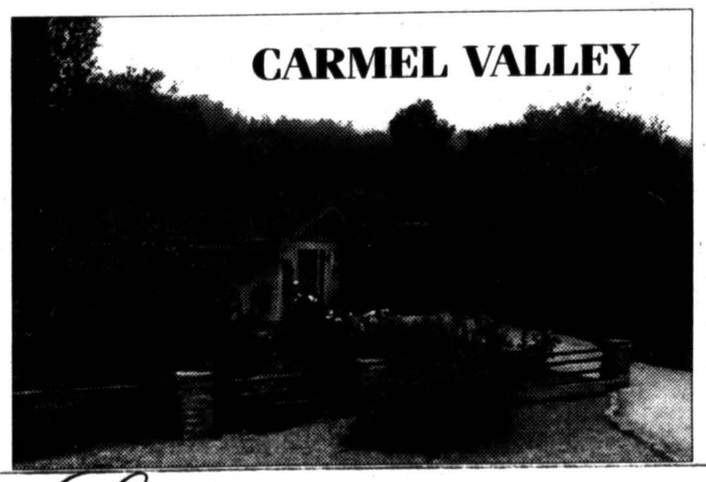
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County broke law in approving White Oak Plaza plans, attorney says

By MARY BROWNFIELD

MONTEREY COUNTY approved a Carmel Valley Village building project without subjecting it to enough environmental review, attorney Richard Rosenthal argued in Superior Court Judge Robert O'Farrell's courtroom Dec. 18.

"The purpose of CEQA is to assure an apprehensive citizenry that decisions are made with the environmental impacts in mind, and to subject the decision-making process to public scrutiny," Rosenthal said. "In this situation, the CEQA process was aborted."

The courtroom battle over White Oak Plaza concerns a proposal to construct four buildings totaling more than 7,000 square feet (including a 1,600-square-foot restaurant), 38 parking spaces, new signs and landscaping, and to revamp the septic, stormwater systems and driveway. Owner Kenneth Blackwell, Inc. received planning commission approval in February and survived an appeal by activist Ed Leeper to the board of supervisors three months later.

Representing Leeper in court this week, Rosenthal said his client has ample evidence of potentially significant environmental impacts from water use, traffic, and wastewater leaking into Carmel River. He said the initial study did not establish baseline conditions on the property nor contain a full project description. He accused the county of approving a project that conflicts with local land-use policies and a study that recommends restricting area septic systems.

Rosenthal called the 2.4-acre Carmel Valley Road site "the most overburdened property in the Monterey Peninsula," — a description Rosenthal withdrew after an objection from Blackwell's attorney, Tony Lombardo.

Defending the board of supervisors' approval of the project, deputy county counsel Efren Iglesia said Leeper's concerns might have merit if plans called for new construction on a vacant lot, but a remodel that reduces wastewater and uses water already on the property does not require an EIR.

"The definition of 'significant impact' under CEQA is defined as a 'substantial or potentially substantial adverse change in the environment," Iglesia said. "Is there an adverse change?"

He further countered that studies confirm that traffic flow won't drop to unacceptable levels if the project is built; water use will not increase; the septic system will be updated with new technology; wastewater will be reduced, and the parking lot and access to it will be improved.

"It's unfortunate that Mr. Rosenthal has resorted to characterizing the county discussion as misstatement, nonsensical, absurd and ridiculous," Iglesia added. "Those do not aid much in an argument about significant impacts."

Iglesia summed up, "You've heard a very passionate argument made by Mr. Rosenthal on significant impacts, but not significant impacts based on the facts. We believe his arguments in this case are not supported by the evidence at all."

When it was his turn to defend his client, Lombardo said, "The standard consistent with CEQA is you don't make it any worse."

He said baseline uses on the property are well established, since its residential and commercial buildings — as well as their septic systems — have been there for more than 40 years.

Given the last word, Rosenthal said, "It's process, process, process and the county continues not to follow the process. We believe the record is clear."

O'Farrell took the matter under submission and has 90 days to rule on the case.

POLICE LOG

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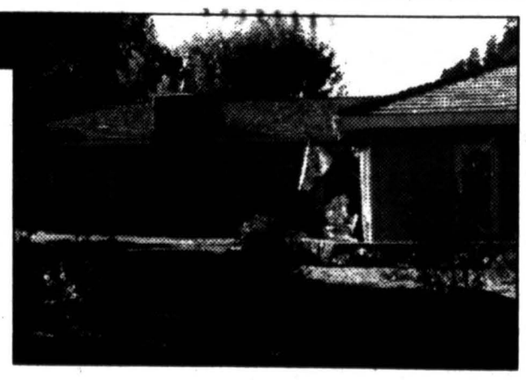
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ment with injury. These claims could not be substantiated.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Manager of an Ocean Avenue restaurant reported problem with a returne check. He was contacted by a sheriff's deputy who advised him the check was stolen. Contacted victim, who believed she knew who stole the checks. Told her to contact the bank for an affidavit of forgery and the date the account was closed.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Contacted a subject using a gas leaf blower at Carmel Plaza. He was advised of the law forbidding gas leaf blowers. He understood and stopped using it.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report that a small pine branch holding several pine cones fell and struck a vehicle's front windshield. Damage to glass and chrome.

Carmel area: For the past couple of months an Outlook Drive resident has been receiving hang-up type phone calls.

Carmel area: Victim left her school books and cell phone outside the vice principal's office at Carmel High School at 1 p.m. 12/09/02. Upon returning 10 minutes later to pick up her things, the cell phone was missing.

Carmel Valley: Male reported someone had parked a trailer on his Saddle Road property. He was advised to have the trailer removed. He requested more patrols .

Big Sur: Park ranger reported that a female hiker found a tent at the Ventana Campground with a suicide note inside.

Carmel Valley: Male reported unknown suspect slashed two of his tires while he was visiting his girlfriend on Ford Road.

Carmel Valley: Anonymous caller reported a suspicious vehicle parked by a large motorhome on Mooncrest. The caller believed the occupants were siphoning gas from the RV. A check was made and nothing suspicious seen. The motorhome's exterior access panels, including the fuel door, require a key to open.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A consensual contact was made on two subjects in a vehicle at Del Mar at 0044 hours. A wants/warrant check was clear. Transported one to the station for curfew violation. Adult took custody of the juvenile.

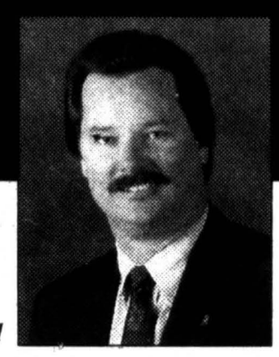
Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a Dolores business receiving annoying phone calls for the past weeks from an unknown subject. Nothing was said, just laughing, talking and screaming. No report desired for now. Victim was going to contact the phone company to set up caller I.D.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Anonymous report of suspicious circumstances at Monte Verde and Second. Report that the resident is in England and no one should be at the house. Contacted subjects, who stated they had permission to be at the house and have been staying there for 14 days now. The house looked like it was under construction. Telephoned the person in the process of remodeling the house and it was

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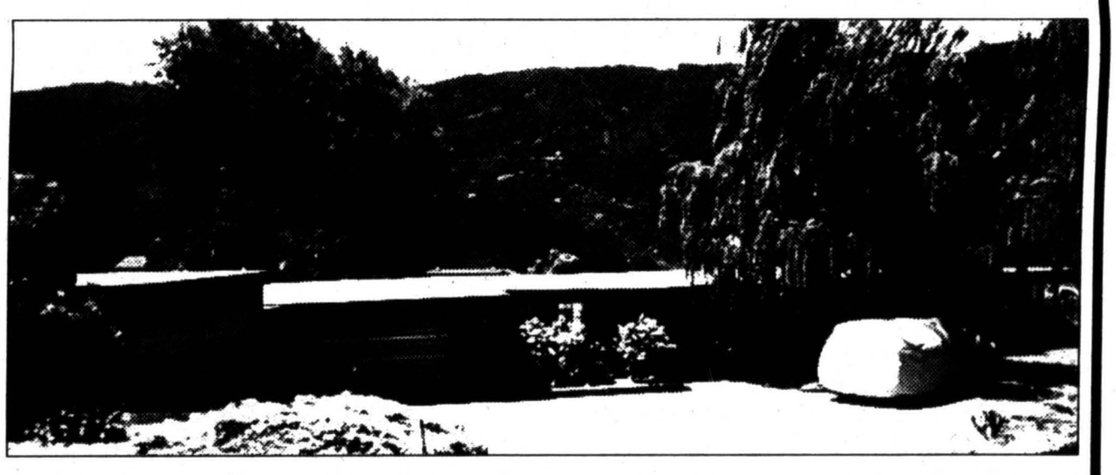
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confirmed they had permission to stay there.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Contacted a subject at Seventh and Junipero after a passing citizen reported seeing her sitting in her vehicle and looking as if she were under duress. She was found to be extremely intoxicated and emotional. She advised she was upset over some bad news concerning a close family member. Another subject was contacted by telephone and responded within minutes to take responsibility for the female and ensure her well being.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Investigated possible trespassers at Monte Verde and Second.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of misappropriation of property belonging to a Carmel Valley Road realtor.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of credit card fraud.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a custody dispute.

Carmel Valley: Deer Meadow Place resident reported finding a letter written by he underaged son and his girlfriend containin strong sexual content.

Pebble Beach: Sometime betwee 12/06/02 at 1 p.m. and 12/10/02 at 9:30 a.m unknown person(s) drove a vehicle through th front yard of a Bird Rock Road residence.

Pebble Beach: Sometime betwee 11/28/02 at 1 p.m. and 12/05/02 at 9 a.m. unknown person(s) pulled out a decorativ bush-like plant in front of a Marcheta Lane res idence.

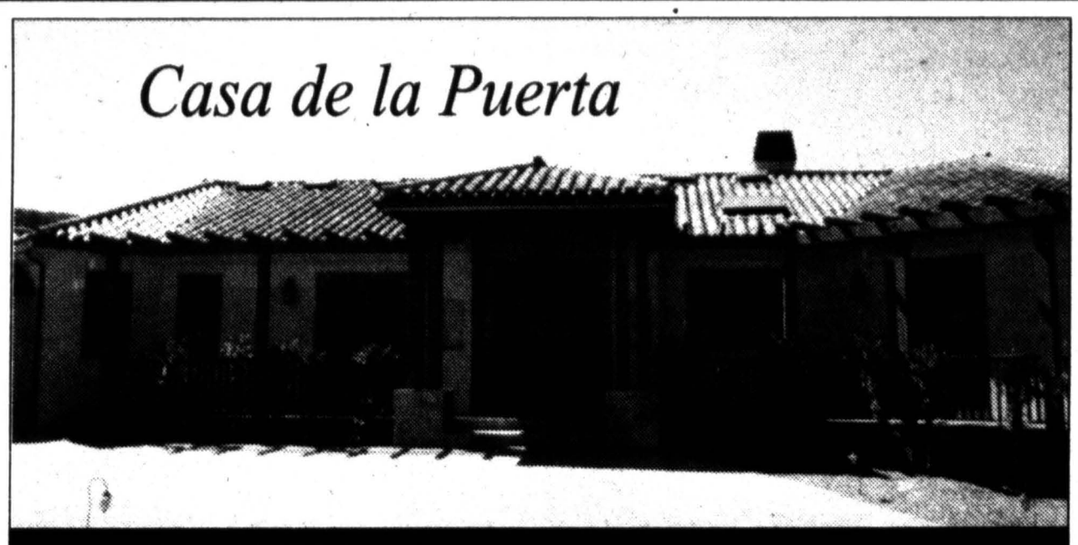
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Vehicle towed fo blocking the driveway of the Junipero Terrace Apartments.

Carmel Valley: A stray dog was hit by a Monterey County Sheriff's Deputy's patrol car on Los Laureles Grade. The dog had strayed from its home and ran into the path of the patrol car. The dog survived the impact and was transported by the deputy to the SPCA of Monterey County. The dog was picked up by its owner and transported to an emergency veterinary office.

Carmel Valley: Dorris Drive resident reported a credit card company contacted him in an attempt to help him lower his interest rate. He later attempted to contact the company, which denied calling him.

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Carmel Valley: Del Mesa Carmel resident received a cell phone bill for an account that she did not open in the amount of $1,133.77.

Big Sur: Springfield, Idaho, resident was arrested for being under the influence after causing a disturbance at Fernwood.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a suspicious male subject, 6 foot 4 inches, 300 pounds, who had been coming into the Carmel Plaza business a few times a day for the past week. The subject made reference to desiring the person to be his girlfriend, as well as his girlfriend's girlfriend. Area checked; subject could not be found.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Contacted a subject sleeping inside his vehicle at Del Mar. Advised him of the CMC. He was given a warning.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Assistance requested after a child was accidentally locked inside a Jeep Cherokee at Monte Verde and Seventh. AAA arrived and unlocked the vehicle. Granddaughter slept through the entire ordeal.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject was driving eastbound on Ocean just outside city limits east of Carpenter when he turned on the defroster, which caused his front windshield to fog up. He suddenly couldn't see the roadway so he pulled to the side of the road and drove into a ditch where he became stuck. CHP and AAA notified. Vehicle was not damaged.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A large 50-foot pine tree fell down on top of the wood outdoor benches of the main Forest Theater stage.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Per request of CHP, assistance was provided to check on a residence on Castro Lane in regards to a large pine tree branch impacting the top of the roof line, causing damage. CHP was updated.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Lobos resident reported there was a loud vibrating sound coming from his bedroom area. The noise and sensation was coming from his electric reclining bed. Apparently, the motor unit of the bed was malfunctioning. The motor unit was reset. The resident's conservator and friend also arrived to check on his welfare.

Carmel area: Unknown male was seen on a 14th Avenue resident's property. He checked the area and was not able to locate the subject. Nothing was missing or disturbed.

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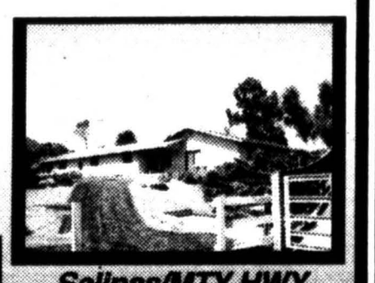
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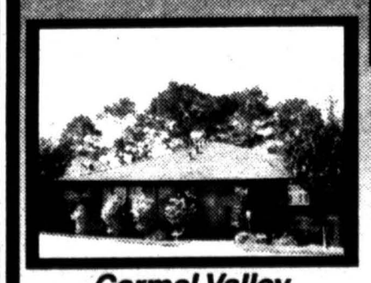
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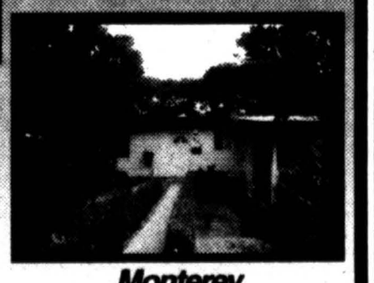
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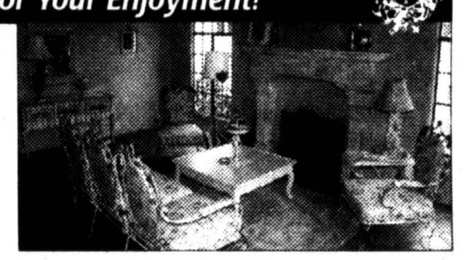
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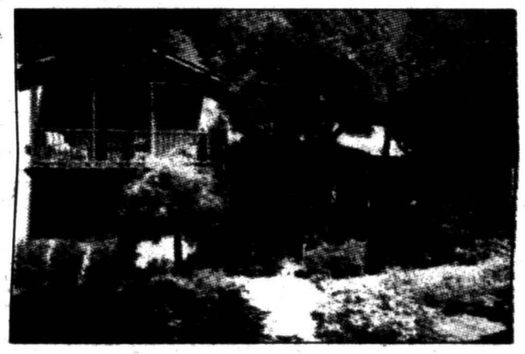
CARMEL



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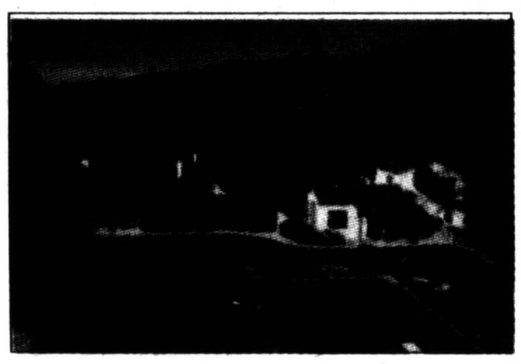
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"NOT A FIXER"! This immaculate two-story home overlooks the hills above the Village. Impeccably maintained by the original owners, with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths on the entry level and an additional 600 sq. ft. of living space below. All this on 2.5 acres. $675,000.



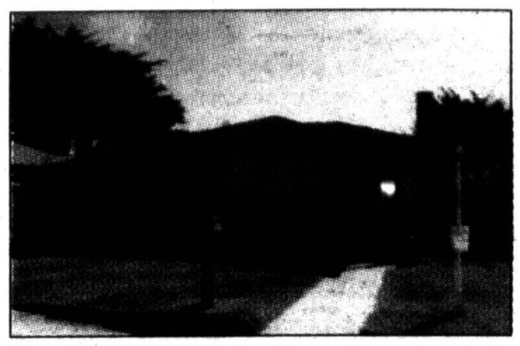
CALIFORNIA RANCHO IN MIRAMONTE! An irreplaceable estate on 8 acres.This Spanish Hacienda was designed by Hugh Comstock in 1920 and has since been remodeled. Includes a guesthouse, pool, pool house, hay barn and more. $5,695,000.

WALDEN WEST! C.V. Ranch living plus your own private frontier at Walden West, a 3-bedroom, 3-1/2 bath free-standing town home uniquely facing woods, river and wildlife. Soaring ceilings and huge master bedroom offer one-floor living. Wonderful deck. $995,000.

PACIFIC GROVE

CUTE & AFFORDABLE! Just two blocks to the beach and one block to town, this Victorian charmer is in turn-key condition. Very livable floor plan offers 2 bedrooms, 2 updated baths, a formal living room and a separate family room-kitchen combo. $585,000.

STROLL TO TOWN! Bright 3-bedroom, 1-1/2-bath home on a quiet corner lot. Just refurbished from new roof down to floors! New double-pane windows, light kitchen with new appliances & new tile countertops. Gleaming oak floors in living room. $625,000.



NEAR THE SURF! You'll smell and hear the nearby surf from this charming home just a block from the ocean! Located in a great neighborhood with hardwood floors, 3 bedrooms, 1-1/2 baths, dining room, and one-car garage. Lots of potential! $799,000.

MONTEREY

UPSTAIRS/DOWNSTAIRS Like two houses in one! The major work has been done on this 5-bedroom, 3-bath home, now you can add your special touches to the well-proportioned rooms. Privacy abounds on this quiet cul-de-sac home with bay views. $1,349,000.



OCEAN & MOUNTAIN VIEWS! Flag lot with views of Bay, city lights & distant hills gives the feeling of seclusion in this 4-bedroom, 3-bath, 4000 sq. ft. home. Featuring a large kitchen, spacious master suite, 3 fireplaces, separate dining room & three-car garage. $1,498,000.

PEBBLE BEACH

LOCATION, LOCATION! An easy stroll to the ocean, near MPCC Fairways, is this quality 3-bedroom, 2-1/2-bath remodeled home. Includes a spacious master suite with marble bath, den/office, and sunny lanai overlooking the fabulous garden. $1,175,000.

ON THE FIRST FAIRWAY Of MPCC's Shore Golf Course is this attractive 3-bedroom, 2-1/2-bath home. Built of solid redwood construction, it features a marbled-floor entry, and wood floors in both the sunken living room and separate dining room. $1,595,000.



GOLF COURSE FRONTAGE! Open and airy Mediterranean home is located on the MPCC Shore Course. This 3-bedroom, 2-bath home with formal dining room and library take full advantage of golf course and ocean views. $2,950,000.

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